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FROM WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Mr. Clay, of Alabama, on Southern Secession.

Speech of Mr. Sam. Hickman in the House.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The Senate's feeling characterized the debate in that body to-day. Mr. CLAY's speech was listened to with unusual attention, and his appeal to Northern Senators to realize and appreciate dangers which [illegible] the Union, made an evident impression [illegible] Senator WILSON participated in returning the Union sentiments of the North, and declared that Massachusetts would give 50,000 thousand majority for [illegible] whatever might be the consequences to which that result took.

The Chamber spoke in the House was clear, logical and conciliatory, and was attentively listened to by [illegible] and crowded galleries. It was delivered [illegible] with decided effect. The Foreign Ministers' Corps were present in full strength. There has been the effect of the discussion that one [illegible] speech inspired. If the Union [illegible] be dissolved before or after the [illegible] of Speaker? There is not now the slight [illegible] of organization, and members hardly [illegible] to which. The President's [illegible] message, in consequence of failing to hear from Mexico, as was confidently anticipated, [illegible] has yet been received from Mr. McLANE. It [illegible] that Romanzo has been detained by high winds.

The War Department was anticipating dispatches from Gen. SCOTT to-day, but nothing has arrived. He is expected here in person to-morrow.

Dispatches received at the French Legation speak of the probability of Count RAYNEVAL being accompanied with one of the vacant European Missions, while the present Minister at Bogota will be advanced to the Mission here.

The Chief Auditor has nearly completed the Report on the Oregon War Debt. He will recommend a heavy deduction from the amount allowed by the Commissioners. This will be violently opposed by Senator LANE and Gen. SCOTT.

The Supreme Court is plodding painfully through the docket and United States Treasury expresses hope of clearing it before the close of the term. Q.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Mr. KING, of New-York, (Rep.) presented a petition from DAVID F. TUMBRIDGE, Mayor of the City of New-York, and one hundred and three others, in favor of the passage of the Homestead bill, and opposing monopoly of the public lands.

Mr. MASON's resolution was then taken up.

Mr. CLAY, of Alabama, (Dem.) said he wished to know where we stood. Let there be no equivocation. Senators on the other side profess to respect the constitutional rights of the South, and declare they will preserve and maintain them. If that declaration is sincere, and the Republican Party will keep the pledge, there is no cause of complaint. But the South has good reason to distrust these professions, when the conduct of the Opposition Senators is so different. One Senator treats the subject matter with levity; which, would he offence if he did not always treat every subject in the same manner, and he will probably die like Ramsay, with a jest upon his lips, and never wake to the responsibilities of life and death until he is called to judgment. Another ridicules the cowardice, weakness and impotence of the South, in suffering a handful of men to seize the armory at Harper's Ferry, in the face of fifteen hundred bloodthirsty. Another entertains us with newly-discovered opinions of WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, and other fathers and framers of the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution, disapproving of Slavery. Another endeavors to excite domestic discussion and discord within our own ranks at the South, by appealing to non-slaveholders to come to the support of the Republican Party, professing to vindicate their rights and rescue them from the curse of Slavery—thus striving to scatter dragon's teeth over the plains of the South in the hope that there will spring up armed men. Others would frighten us with fierce and brave words, threatening us with coercion to make us submit to their authority, no matter how oppressive and unconstitutional it might be. These are the evidences of fraternal affection, respect and regard for the South which you present to us. WENDELL PHILLIPS has said, speaking of JOHN BROWN's foray in Virginia, that it was the natural result of Anti-Slavery teaching, and that he for one expected it. He (CLAY) admired his courage and candor. It was the truth. Others had predicted the same things. He then quoted the remarks of prominent Republicans, showing that hostile feelings existed towards the South. Gov. CRAMM had said he hated not only slaveholding but slaveholders, and his colleague here had said substantially the same thing.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, (Rep.)—Does the Senator refer to me?

Mr. CLAY—Yes, Sir.

Mr. WADE—I would like to have him give my language, and specify the time and place.

Mr. CLAY—If the Senator was not misreported in a speech delivered in the State of Maine in 1855, he declared that the North and South hated each other as cordially as the English and Russians, who were then engaged in the Crimean war. Such a sentiment has been often avowed in different language by the Senator from New-York, (Mr. SEWARD.) The Republican Party in the North have opposed Slavery by non-action, in refusing to enforce the constitutional guarantees, and also by authoritative legislation. Few many years past negroes have been stolen, either by individuals or organized bands of predatory invaders, sometimes openly and shamelessly, and at other times secretly—yet the Northern States refuse to execute the Fugitive Slave law, and endeavor to throw obstacles in the way of the owner who seeks to recover that species of property. Who among the Republican Senators would rise and say he condemned such a course of policy? He (CLAY) paused for a reply. None being given, he proceeded to say that the silence of Senators showed that they all would encourage these depredations upon Slavery by non-action. All admit that their Legislatures are right in endeavoring to destroy Slavery as far as they dare to do it. Not content with non-action, they have actually gone so far as to adopt authoritatively legislation in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Wisconsin, (Rep.,) stated that the Constitution of the United States, properly construed, gives to Congress no power to pass a fugitive slave law. It simply inhibits the States from discharging the fugitive from service, who may be held by the laws of the State from which he escapes.

Mr. CLAY would enter into no constitutional argument respecting the Fugitive Slave law of 1850 or 1793. But the Wisconsin Legislature has never passed any act for the rendition of fugitive slaves. Will the Senator say here that he would advise his Legislature, in the absence of Congressional legislation on the subject, to pass a law for the punishment of stealing our negroes, and provide for their restitution?

Mr. FESSENDEN made no answer.

Mr. CLAY proceeded. You violate the Fugitive Slave law because you do not regard it as constitutional, and yet you will pass no act for the purpose of securing us our rights, solemnly guaranteed to us by our fathers and yours. He argued that Republican principles, rightly carried out, would lead them to seek the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia. He alluded to the refusal of that party to vote for the Assisted claim. They seek to degrade the South, and then menace Southerners with the halter and bowie-knife if they dare to refuse to submit to this degradation. He knew those who were foremost in threaten were generally hindmost to execute. He would indulge in no menace, nor would he make any [illegible] or promise for his own State—but if she be [illegible] to the principles she has professed—if she be true to her own interests and honor, and do not prove recreant to all that state pride and political integrity demand of her, she will never submit to the domination of the Republicans. He hoped that the South, being now convinced of the purposes of the Republicans, would prove in the hour of trial to be fore-armed.

Mr. GWIN, of California, (Dem.,) thought sentiments had been uttered by Republican Senators which were calculated to arouse the indignation of the South and disturb the Union. They had said that in the event of the election of the Republican candidate for President, if there is any resistance, they will hang those who resist. Now, who are they going to hang? One of the Senators very plainly said that they intended to hang the Governors of States. How were they going to get at them? By invasion?—for was not this threat an indication that they intended to invade the Southern States? Such threats should not be indulged in the Senate if gentlemen wished to preserve the Confederacy. It is a species of degradation to Senators representing Slaveholding States to use such threats in the event of their resisting, or any part of their population resisting, the inauguration of a Republican President; and it afforded ground for the Southern States to prepare themselves for defence against the execution of the threats, and for a separation from the North. It is inviting a dissolution of the Union. It will result in that if this sort of remark be indulged here or elsewhere. There is another reason why the Southern States should prepare for a dissolution of the Union. Look at the recent elections in the non-Slaveholding States. The Republican party has triumphed in almost every State on the Atlantic borders, but not on the Pacific, in the recent elections. Notwithstanding these Union meetings, which are very creditable to those engaged in getting them up, I can see no change in public sentiment or the Republican majorities in those States where those meetings are held. I noticed in the newspapers to-day, that in the City of Boston, where a short time ago a great Union meeting was held, the Republicans succeeded in electing their Mayor by a large majority. The South should be forewarned by these elections to prepare for the result, for, as the Senator from Alabama has said, there are a number of Southern States pledged to resist any aggressions upon their rights, such as the election of a Republican President, who will be dishonored and disgraced if they do not carry out their expressed intentions. Now, Mr. President, I undertake to say that the Southern States must prepare, in the face of the facts presented by the Senator from Alabama, because the Republican organization looks to the conquest of the South. It is a sectional Party. Where are there any Republicans in the fifteen Southern States of this Confederacy? If there are any it is only in certain localities, and even there it is dangerous for them to avow their sentiments, because the people of those fifteen States believe the utterance of such sentiments to be treason; therefore I consider it as the inevitable result of the principles avowed by the Republican Party that the South should prepare for resistance in the event of the election of a Republican President. How could he carry on the Government in any Southern State? Where would he get the Federal officers, the collectors, the postmasters, the district-attorneys and the marshals? I believe that, in a large majority of the *slaveholding States, any man who would accept a* commission from a Republican President would be looked upon as public enemies, and could not execute the duties imposed upon them. In my judgment, it is impossible for a Republican President to administer this Government over a slaveholding State. Mr. GWIN further stated that while his love for the Union was unchanged, and that it was his earnest wish that it might be preserved forever, still, in the event of a separation, California would be found with the South. He appealed to the Republicans to give give up their opposition, for if it was founded on Kansas affairs they had defeated the South in their attempt. If any such wrong had been made to force Kansas into the Union as a Slave State, and had triumphed in the certainty that Kansas, when admitted into the Union, would probably be the strongest Slave State in it.

Mr. HALE—In my humble judgment, the position of affairs, represented this morning, present a more distinct line than has ever before been presented. I desire to speak plainly, when I say that if the position assumed by the gentleman from California be true, that we have been laboring under a delusion, an utter delusion. We are not an Union of States, but subject Provinces. Our people do not choose a President. You, the representatives of fifteen States, according to the remarks made this morning, and proclaim to a majority of the people of this Union, that if they dare to exercise their prerogative, and choose a President representing the views which they entertain, and the supposition pre-supposes they are the views of a majority of the people of these States, or else a President representing them could not be elected, that you will not submit to the will of that majority, and will separate from the Union. You thus declare that the Presidential election is an idle mockery, a delusion, a deception. It is no choice of the people. You, people of the non-slaving States, you are not a part of the sovereign power of Confederacy. You occupy to us, the South, the position that the old French Parliament did to the monarch. He made the decrees, and it was the prerogative of the Parliament to register them. That was all. They called that Parliament the government of law. The Senator from California speaks to us as if we had been appealed to. I do not consider it so. I consider it as a declaration of facts, which, if they exist, ought to be known, and cannot be known too soon. If this is to be the remedy, that a majority of the people of the United States shall surrender their convictions and forbear in the exercise of the highest functions with which God has endowed a freeman, I am glad to hear it. He must forbear to let his ballot speak the sentiments of his understanding or his heart henceforth. He must stifle everything that is manly in him, if, by chance, God has planted anything of that sort in him. He must go to the polls next Fall, and go through the idle ceremony of voting, for the result is already a foregone conclusion, and if your decrees are not registered the Union is dissolved. Sir, it is dissolved now, if that is the case. We are not here as Sovereign States, or as States having any political rights. We are here, Sir, simply to register,—no, Sir, not that, but our people are to come together in the Fall of 1860, and register the solemn decrees that shall be made for them by the fifteen Slaveholding States of this Union. If this is to be the case, I am glad to know it. It has not been proclaimed too soon. But I want to put this a little more in detail for the benefit of the Senator from California. He says that if there is an aggression on Southern rights they will dissolve the Union, and he goes on to say that if the majority of these United States exercise their rights by electing a man to represent their views, the same result will follow. It is an infringement, it seems, of Southern rights for a majority of the people of the United States to carry out their sentiments by electing a President representing their views, and a violation of those rights to refuse to be dictated to by the South. I am not here to speak for the non-slaveholding States. They are represented by more able men than myself. I am the representative here of one of the smallest States of the Union. But I will say for that State, that I believe my people are ready, if this is the issue to which we have come, to meet the emergency. I do not think that an appeal of that sort to them, will be very likely to induce a different course from that hitherto pursued. It seems that a fiction—a pleasant political fiction—has been indulged in by some writers, in speaking of us as a confederacy of equal States. How idle the idea of any equality, when we are told before exercising a right guaranteed by the Constitution, that, if by the exercise of it, and under the forms and by the mode prescribed by the Constitution, we succeed in electing a representative of our views as President, that then the Government is at an end. So be it! This was not a new threat; it had been made before the recent elections in the Free States, and Senators representing Southern States could learn by examining the returns, how many of the Northern people were frightened by it.

Mr. GWIN replied, alluding to circumstances attending the admission of California. All he wished to say was that there was danger in the present course, and was it not best to pause before parties got so much excited against each other that it will be impossible to effect a reconciliation?

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.,) said he thought there was some mistake about Mr. CRAMM's having said he hated slaveholders. He had known Mr. CRAMM long and well, and he was the last man to use such language. For himself, he repudiated the [illegible] that the Republicans of Massachusetts hate slaveholders. Yet what are we to think of the feelings of the South towards the North, when advertisements appear in Richmond papers offering rewards for the heads of Republican members of Congress? These declarations that the Union is to be dissolved if the people of this country choose to elect a Republican President are received in the Free States as they should be received—with the strongest condemnation. Such declarations here and in the House of Representatives, have created not a poor, miserable, cowardly spirit of servility, but a manly spirit in men determined to exercise their own constitutional rights and express their opinions publicly and at the ballot-box. Union-saving meetings are of no earthly significance. He had nothing to say against those political eunuchs who gather around such meetings, but those meetings did not weigh a feather's weight in Massachusetts. Boston had gone for the Republicans at the recent election, and the Union-saving meeting held there was enough to produce such a result. Notwithstanding these threats on the floor of the Senate, the people of Massachusetts would give 50,000 majority for whoever shall be nominated as the Republican candidate for President.

Mr. GRAY said he had spoken with coldness, and his assertions were fully sustained by proof. He could go further than he had done to show the aversion and dislike, if hatred were regarded as too strong a word, for Slaveholders as well as Slaveholding. He would quote from the speech of Mr. SEWARD, whose talents and ability give him undisputed claim to be the Republican leader, in which he said, "The world without sympathizes with the servile foe." That showed that in the case of servile insurrection, Mr. SEWARD sympathized with negroes against their masters.

Mr. WADE then obtained the floor, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The question being on the motion of Mr. HICKMAN to amend Friday's journal by inserting that he had offered a plurality resolution, Mr. SICKLES, of New-York, (Dem.,) observed that he would not trespass on the House did he not deem it his imperative duty to protest against much which has been said on this floor in the course of discussion as to the sentiment of the North. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HICKMAN) avowed that the irrepressible conflict is not in the future, but is a fact, and is here. Mr. SICKLES said the Northern sentiment is otherwise. There are in the North millions of hearts devoted, not only to the Union, but to the Constitution on which it rests, and they would never relinquish their allegiance to it, or be unmindful of the duty of performing the obligations with which that allegiance is inseparably connected, and without which their love for the Constitution and the Union would be hypocrisy and a delusion. He said Mr. HICKMAN's view of Northern sentiment is as unfounded as the charge he makes in the name of the North, and as the reasons for this feeling are unjustifiable.

In the course of reply to Mr. HICKMAN's charge, that the South has violated all covenants compacts and compromises, he referred to the history of the adoption of the Constitution, and to kindred subjects, to show that there had been no violation of good faith by the South. He desired an *antidote to go forth with the poison. The gentleman* from Pennsylvania could not sustain himself in his first charge—that the clause in the Constitution abolishing the Slave-trade was a concession to freedom on the part of the South, when he (SICKLES) had proved that the clause, as originally reported by eleven States, was enlarged and sustained on motion of gentlemen from the North. There was no instance where the Southern Courts had failed to take cognizance of or punish those engaged in the Slave-trade. Expeditions with this view were fitted out with vessels sometimes expressly built for this purpose, and the proceeds of the traffic distributed in the North and East, and in all probability at the South. The late District-Attorney of New-York, Mr. McKEON, gave it as his opinion that more expeditions were fitted out and sustained by Northern capital than from any other part of the Union. As to the charge that the South had broken the Missouri Compromise, he argued that it could not be called a compromise. It was an experiment, and had ceased to have vitality in a quarter where alone it could be maintained. When the violent and excited feeling produced by the repeal of the Missouri restrictions shall have ceased the North will, as heretofore, regard the principle of the Kansas-Nebraska bill as congenial to their convictions, on which the best hopes of the patriot can rest, and entirely fair to all persons in the confederacy. He maintained that there had been no violation of the Compromises of 1850 and 1854. The gentleman from Pennsylvania had said the great question to be presented in the next Presidential election was, shall Slavery be allowed to go into the Territories? The gentleman had not shown any reason or justification for that issue, in view of such a contingency in our affairs as existed two or three years ago, with reference to Kansas. We were to understand it was to be brought forward as an abstract, not an existing question. But the North does not desire to enter the Presidential election on any such question. When the people of the North witness the inevitable result of the doctrines of the "irrepressible conflict," in the acts of fanatics and traitors invading peaceful homes and firesides, and creating alarm and death—when they find such are the consequences of giving an ascendancy to a sectional party, they will sweep it out of existence as summarily as they would drive away an enemy from their own door. He considered we were in the presence of the most serious danger that ever menaced the Confederacy, and therefore as a faithful sentinel it was his duty to admonish the North. He believed that with a full knowledge of the facts they would give a patriotic response. He alluded to the few demonstrations made in New-York to sympathise with the doctrines professed and practiced by JOHN BROWN, and denied that the religious sentiment of the people tolerated or countenanced them. He did not believe there were any communities in the North which would permit assemblages within their borders with the view to proclaim their purposes to carry invasion and death to the firesides of any portion of this country. As a citizen of New-York he would say that State would be faithful to its past history, faithful to the period of 1800, when it gave its deciding vote to JEFFERSON for President, and when it laid the foundations, deep as the mountains, of the Democratic Party.

[At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. SICKLES was applauded.]

Mr. ADRAIN, of New-Jersey, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.)—Mr. Clerk, I will trespass on the House but for a few minutes, as indisposition prevents me from entering into discussions as fully as I would have desired. But, Sir, from the appearance of an article in the *Constitution* the other day, the organ of the Administration, it is due to myself that I should speak on this occasion. That article has been alluded to by two of *the Anti-Lecompton Democrats on this floor, and per*mit me to say that so far as they are concerned they have rebuked that most insolent attack. I should not have noticed it now, or do I do it now on the ground that it is necessary that I should stand here in defence of my character as a man of integrity and political consistency. I simply notice it for the purpose of calling the attention of Democrats on the floor, and asking whether that paper is their organ or only the organ of Mr. BUCHANAN. Appeals are made here—strong and powerful appeals, to our Democratic sympathies and our Democratic principles. We are asked to rally to the support of the honorable gentleman from Virginia, Mr. BOCOCK, for whom, personally, I have the highest regard; but how can I, under a charge of bribery made by Mr. BUCHANAN's organ, affiliate or associate with you, and assist in the election of Mr. BOCOCK? Why, Sir, it is a disgrace that I would never survive. They ask me to unite with them in the election of a man who stands now the Administration candidate for Speaker, while that Administration has denounced me as a man ready to sell out, as it has charged Mr. HASKIN and Mr. HUCKMAN with having already been purchased with a Republican shilling. Mr. BUCHANAN, his Administration, and the whole country, know that I am incapable of being purchased, or of being swerved one iota from those principles which I hold most dear and sacred, and which I believe to be most intimately connected with the best interests of the country. During the Lecompton controversy I was approached in such a manner as shows corruption on the part of the Administration. If I had only given my support to the Lecompton policy, I was assured that I could secure a foreign appointment for one most near and dear to me. A leading member of the House at that time came to me, whispering in my ear: "Sir, it is all settled in the Cabinet." What is settled? "Why, that one who is nearest to you by the closest ties of blood, is to receive the appointment." My reply was: "Send word to the Administration to make the appointment, and I intend to resist it to the last in the instances already to force a Constitution on the people of Kansas against their will." I did resist it, and because I resisted it I was charged with being a Black Republican, an Abolitionist, and no Democrat. The paper which is now attacking us attacked us then. I do not ask the opinion of that paper or the Administration as to regard to my Democracy—my Democracy was proclaimed upon by my constituents. In the last Congressional canvass I took this very paper, then the Union, and read portions of it to my constituents, in which I was called a traitor and a renegade, and no Democrat, and I put it before my people. What was their response? JAMES BUCHANAN does not know what a Democrat is. You are a Democrat and always have been from your boyhood, and all the power of Mr. BUCHANAN and his Administration shall be exhausted to prevent your being elected to Congress. I am here this day as a Democrat, and I should like to see the man that dare say that I am not one by any record I have made in all my life. The Administration had attempted to send out a far greater man than I am, one of the eight Anti-Lecompton Democrats; it has tried its hand upon a man of greater intellectual power, of greater fidelity to principles, who is true to the Constitution and the Union,—and that man is STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, of Illinois. Has he been read out of the party? I think not. I maintain that Mr. BUCHANAN, in his insane attempt to read out him and those who stand with him, has actually read himself out of the Democratic Party, and does not stand on the Cincinnati Platform, or Kansas-Nebraska Act, as construed by him in his letter accepting the nomination for the Presidency, when he declared that the people of a Territory, like those of a State, should decide for themselves, whether Slavery shall or shall not exist within their limits.

Mr. McRAE, of Mississippi, (Dem.)—The gentleman from New-Jersey, Mr. ADRAIN, has said that he belonged to the Democratic Party and maintained its principles. I desire to ask him whether he will support the nominee of the Charleston Convention if the National Democracy there adopt the Cincinnati Platform?

Mr. ADRAIN—I will answer by stating that if the Charleston Convention readopt the Cincinnati platform, and put upon that platform a man who has construed it as Mr. BUCHANAN construed it in his letter accepting the nomination, I will support the nominee of that Convention, and if such a candidate, who is known to occupy this position by my constituents, is not nominated, neither my constituents or myself will support the nominee. Now, I will ask the gentleman a question, for I think We ought to understand one another. If Judge DOUGLAS is nominated at Charleston, upon the construction which he has placed upon the Cincinnati platform, will you support him for the Presidency?

Mr. McRAE—I am, Mr. CLERK, a fair man—known to be such at home—and known to be such by all who have had an opportunity to judge what I am, from any expression of opinion I have ever given. When the gentleman answers my question fairly, I will answer his. [Laughter.]

Mr. ADRAIN—I have answered *his* question, and I put a direct question to him. He has told the House he is a fair man; let him demonstrate his fairness by answering the question directly, whether he will support Judge DOUGLAS or not.

Mr. McRAE—When the gentleman answers my question fairly, I will answer his. [Great laughter.]

He says that he will not support the nominee of the Charleston Convention upon the Cincinnati Platform unless his particular construction is placed upon it.

Mr. ADRAIN—I say that the man who stands upon that platform must be one who construes it in the way I construe it, and in the way Mr. BUCHANAN construed it in 1856, because I do not want to be cheated. I want to know whether the nominee of the Convention places the Southern construction upon the Cincinnati Platform, or the construction which we all placed on it in 1856.

Mr. McRAE. As the gentleman has absolutely refused to answer my question, and has said he will not support the Charleston nominee without construction being placed upon the platform, such as conforms to his own idea. I put it to sense of the House whether he can ask me to answer him. [Laughter.]

Mr. HICKMAN, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) will vote for no man who is put naked upon the Cincinnati Platform, and I will state the reason briefly. The North insist that the proper construction of that Platform is that the people of a territory, while in a territorial condition, have a right to exclude Slavery by Legislature enactment, if they desire to do so. The South construe it that they shall only exclude when they come to form a State Constitution. The issue is there joined between the North and the South as to the proper interpretation of that Platform, and I say that I, as a Democrat, will not go for any man, even Judge DOUGLAS himself, but upon the Cincinnati Platform without explanation. Now, I wish to know the gentleman's views upon this point.

Mr. McRAE—I have this answer to make to the gentleman, in reference to the position which he now occupies; yesterday he announced his determination not to cooperate further with the Democratic Party.

Mr. HICKMAN—I did not say anything of the kind. What I did say the gentleman will find in the *Globe*, for I have made no alteration of my remarks since I delivered them. I only stated what my intention was under certain circumstances.

Mr. McRAE—Did not the gentleman express himself as willing to cooperate with the Opposition sentiment in the election of a Speaker.

Mr. HICKMAN—I declare myself ready to unite with any party I know of in the country, or against the Administration Party, for I consider that the most obnoxious sentiment in the country. [Great applause.]

Mr. McRAE—Mr. Clerk I cannot get a fair answer out of any of them. [Shouts of laughter.] The House will see that if the gentleman will cooperate with any party in opposition to the Administration, that inference is legitimate, that he means to cooperate with the Republican Party. Does not everybody see it, and does not the gentleman know it?

Mr. ETHERIDGE, of Tennessee, (Am.) inquired whether, if thirty-five or forty votes could be polled for Mr. GILMER, the Democrats would join their forces for his support? He said Southern members could have no objection to Mr. GILMER, who holds a hundred slaves.

Mr. McRAE asked whether it was fair that eighty-eight or ninety men should go over to twenty-three. Had it been shown that Mr. GILMER could not get thirty votes? Why did not the gentleman unite his twenty-three with the Democrats, putting the responsibility of the result upon the Anti-Lecomptonites?

Mr. ETHERIDGE said they could not test the fact when it could be shown that Mr. BOCOCK can receive ninety-three votes. It would then be no difficult task to show how he could be elected. Some of the Democrats, however, refused to vote for Mr. BOCOCK, and ignored his Democracy.

Mr. BRANSON, of Tennessee, (Amer.,) said he could not vote for a Republican, nor could he vote for a man who indorsed the position of Mr. DOUGLAS, as the latter's doctrines are wholly subversive of Southern rights. He wished to ask Mr. BOCOCK whether he indorsed the views of Messrs. DOUGLAS, SEWARD and PUGH, that a Territory can exclude Slavery therefrom by unfriendly legislation? He would never support any man holding such opinions.

Mr. McRAE replied that Mr. BOCOCK had not possession of the floor, and could not get it to answer. [Laughter.]

Mr. CLARK, of New-York, said he would never vote for any person for Speaker who was not hostile to legislation by Congress for the protection of slave property in the Territories, who was not thoroughly inimical to the abrogation of the laws against the Slave-trade; and he must also not be a man who would deem the election of a Republican sufficient cause to attempt a dissolution of the Union. He would not say that Mr. BOCOCK did not stand on this platform.

Mr. McRAE replied that the Democratic Party did not make the reopening Slave-trade question.

Mr. CLARK was glad to hear that.

Mr. McRAE said that, so far as he was individually concerned, he was in favor of it, and would at a future time give his reasons. Such, however, was not the position of the Democratic Party in Mississippi or any Southern State.

Mr. CLARK, in further explaining his position, said he would support DOUGLAS much sooner without than with a platform.

Mr. McRAE—Would you support the nominee of the Charleston Convention on the Cincinnati Platform?

Mr. CLARK replied he would support DOUGLAS.

Mr. McLEAN resumed his remarks, causing much good humor. He was frequently interrupted by gentlemen who wished either to define their position or obtain political light.

Without concluding, Mr. McLEAN gave way for a motion to adjourn, which prevailed.

Adjourned.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Gathering of the Heads at Albany.

MEETING OF THE MOZART HALL STATE COMMITTEE—PREPARATION FOR CHOOSING DELEGATES TO CHARLESTON—ANTI-TAMMANY RESOLUTIONS.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The State Committee of the Wood or Mozart Hall section of the Democracy met at Congress Hall to-day.

All the members of the Committee were present except Mr. BEACH, of Niagara, and Major WEED, of New-York. The latter did not attend in consequence of his recent mournful domestic affliction.

Hon. JOHN A. GRAVES, of Syracuse, moved that Mr. CRAMER be Chairman.

Mr. CRAMER peremptorily declined, when Mr. GRAVES took the Chair.

Mr. BENJAMIN F. BAR moved to exclude reporters, on the ground that the proceedings of the Committee were of an executive character, and that it was not desirable to make them public.

Gen. OSWELLA CLARK, and others, opposed the motion, and the proceedings were conducted with open doors.

About fifty persons were in attendance, among them Hon. D. M. CREAMER and others who had been invited by letter to attend.

Hon. B. F. BAR suggested the appointment of a Committee of three to report whether it was advisable to adjourn to meet in New-York.

Mr. McMANUS, of Albany, made a speech attacking those who had opposed Mr. WOOD in the recent Mayoralty election in New-York, denouncing DEAN RICHMOND and PETER CAGGER for the influence they exercised in relation to Federal appointments in New-York, and generally condemning the appointments made by Mr. BUCHANAN.

The Committee then took a recess till the afternoon.

On reassembling they appointed Committees of five from each Congressional District to call primary meetings and Conventions to elect Delegates to the National Convention before the 1st of January next.

Mr. McMANUS offered a series of resolutions denouncing Collector SCHELL, Postmaster FOWLER, Surveyor HAYS and Marshal RYKERS for their course in the recent Municipal Election in New-York City.

The resolutions were laid over for a future meeting by a vote of 4 to 3, the rest of the Committee having previously left.

The Committee then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Still Later from Mexico.

THE REPORTED REVERSES OF THE LIBERALS CONFIRMED—CHANGE IN THE JUAREZ CABINET.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The steamship *Tennessee* arrived this evening from Vera Cruz, 8th inst.

Minister McLANE was on board the *Brooklyn*.

Señor FUENTES had left the Juarez Cabinet, and OCAMPO resumes the portfolio of Foreign Relations.

MIRAMON was at Guadalajara with MARQUEZ.

DONCELLADO had evacuated San Luis Potosi, which was occupied by Gen. WELL.

Gen. CONZO was in possession of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and had seized a large quantity of arms.

The Tehuantepec Company's steamer *Suchil* had been lost at Alvarado.

Later from Cuba.

ARRIVAL OF THE ISABEL AT CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The steamship *Isabel* has arrived, from Havana and Key West 10th inst. Gen. CONZOA was to leave Cuba on the 13th, and a magnificent ovation was anticipated.

The Havana Sugar market was quiet for want of stock, but there was a better feeling in the market, and 9¾ reals were asked for No. 12. Molasses in but little inquiry, and prices weak. Stock of Sugars, 22,500 boxes. Freights dull, and vessels leaving for Gulf ports. Exchange on London, 16@16½ ⅌ cent. premium; on New-York, 4@4½ ⅌ cent. premium.

The Victoria Bridge at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Freight trains commenced crossing the Victoria Bridge yesterday, and passenger trains will begin to cross regularly next Monday.

The weather continues cold and clear. Thermometer 10° below zero. Wind W. There is a good deal of ice in the river, and the ferry-boats have stopped running.

Fire in Newark.

FACTORY OF ENAMELED CLOTH DESTROYED.

NEWARK, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The enameled cloth factory of WM. MCMURTRY, late HALSEY & ROSLAN, in this city, was set on fire this morning and partially destroyed. Loss $5,000; insured for $2,500, principally in New-York Companies.

The Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Messrs. JAMES ROSS and CHARLES CONGDON today obtained full possession of the Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroad for the benefit of the Bondholders.

Municipal Election in Manchester, N. H.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Tuesday, Dec. 13.

EDWARD W. HARRINGTON, Citizens' candidate, was elected Mayor to-day, receiving 1,335 votes, against 1,303 for B. P. CHILEY, Republican.

Massachusetts Municipal Elections.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

THEODORE OTIS, Republican, was elected Mayor of Roxbury yesterday by 247 plurality.

In Charlestown JAMES DANA, Citizens' candidate, was chosen Mayor by 250 plurality.

Non-Arrival of the Nova Scotian.

PORTLAND, Me., Tuesday, Dec. 13—1 30 P. M.

There are yet no signs of the steamship *Nova Scotian*, now due, with Liverpool dates of the 30th ult., and Queenstown of the 1st inst.

Southern Ocean Steamer Movements.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The United States Mail steamship *Nashville*, Capt. MURRAY, from New-York, arrived here at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning.

OBITUARY.

The death of Hon. DANIEL O. MORTON, at Cleveland, O., was made the occasion of paying a high *tribute to his character and abilities, personal and pro*fessional, by the Bar of that City. At a meeting of the members, the following resolution was ordered to be entered on the records of the Court:

Resolved, That the mournful intelligence of the death of Hon. DANIEL O. MORTON causes in them the profoundest sorrow; that they consider his death a great public loss; that his many social and generous virtues—his high sense of honor—his unswerving integrity and his great learning as a lawyer—the faithful and able manner in which he has discharged many of the most important official duties for his fellow-citizens, are and must continue to be remembered with the liveliest sensibility of regard for the deceased.

Rev. Dr. McCALLA, a Presbyterian minister of talent and influence, died recently in Rodney, Miss. Dr McCALLA was formerly well known in Philadelphia, was connected for a short time with the Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Miss., and had been a chaplain in the United States army, under Gen. JACKSON, and was one of the most decided, zealous ministers of his order.

Hon. Jeremiah B. Kimball, Attorney-General of Rhode Island, died in Providence on Saturday, the 10th inst., of typhoid fever. He graduated at Harvard College in 1852.

J. Howard Sleeper, eldest son of Capt. John S. Sleeper, of Roxbury, Mass., died at Honolulu, S. I., Oct. 25. Mr. Sleeper was one of the editors of the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser*.

THE BOSTON CRIM. COR. CASE.—We understand that H. F. DURANT, Esq., and H. C. HOCKMEIER, Esq., the eminent counsel who so ably conducted the recent case of WM. A. COCHRANE vs. GEO. L. FOSTER, in the Supreme Court, have in the most handsome manner declined to accept any remuneration for their valuable services; thus affording Mr. COCHRANE the satisfaction of donating the whole amount of damages received by him, viz.: $2,000, to the "New-England Female Moral Reform Society."—*Boston Traveller.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

The report of the Wisconsin State Superintendent of Schools contains the following statistics: There are 3,296 school districts, 110 districts which have not reported, 5,811 parts of districts, 19 parts of districts which have not reported, and 407 school-houses in joint districts. The average number of months that schools have been taught is five and a half; the whole number of children from four years of age who have attended school is 1,066, and of children over 10 years of age, 2,056.

An unfortunate youth in Quincy, Mass., aged about 14 years, who bears the name of John Brown, was lately tried by his companions for treason, and sentenced to be hung. He was placed upon a barrel, and a rope, suspended from the limb of a tree, was passed under his arms. At the appointed time the barrel was kicked from under him, and the rope slipped and caught him by the neck. But not a woman rushed out and cut the rope with a carving knife the boy would doubtless have met with as tragical an end as his prototype, with far less of notoriety.

A novel instance came off in Warren County, Penn., on the 20th ult. One TIFFANY by name, ran from Sugar Grove to Jamestown, a distance of ten miles, on a wager of $40. By the conditions of the race, TIFFANY was allowed to walk 20 rods on the road to Jamestown, to commence at the expiration of 20 seconds on the road back. There was no time to time; the question being whether he could run 20 miles with a rest of only about two minutes. The feat was performed in three hours and forty minutes, and fatigued TIFFANY very little.

At Pittsburgh, Dec. 7, Robert F. KITTS, of Cincinnati, committed suicide at the Mansion House, by shooting himself. He arrived at the hotel on Tuesday, and was joined by a young English woman. One of the proprietors, observing that he was much at the time in her room through the day, told him he must go to his own room. Shortly before 8 o'clock he went to her room, took his cane and went out, and almost immediately went to the third story and shot himself.

M. BORNICHE, jun., of Chantilly, has just submitted to the Emperor Napoleon several systems for applying the breech-loading principle to ordnance. General of Division LEBOEUF, commanding the artillery of the Guard, and Artillery-Commandant BRADY, ordnance officer to his Majesty, and an Irishman by birth, it is said, have been charged with the examination of the invention, and Col. FAVÉ, professor of artillery, has been appointed to report thereon to the Emperor.

At the beginning of this month the Israelite banker PADOVANI, of Boulogne, who was mainly instrumental in denouncing to Europe the Mortara outrage, and hence violently obnoxious to the fanatics, was the victim of their revenge, and at the same time of their cupidity. Seven ruffians, masked, watched his counting-house until he was alone, and with fire-arms held him at bay while they robbed the desk of some thousands of dollars, with which they got safe over the frontier.

Rev. Dr. CHICKERING and Rev. Dr. MOORE, of Portland, Maine, recently exchanged pulpits. When the latter was about half through with his discourse, at the High-street Church, he suddenly stopped, and remarked that the sermon had cost him a great deal of labor; but as it seemed not to interest the audience, and as many of them were asleep, he would proceed with it no longer. He then closed the meeting with a prayer and benediction.

The students of the Medical College connected with Harvard University partook of a supper at the Revere House, Dec. 6, by invitation of the Faculty. They assembled there at 8 o'clock, and spent a couple of hours very pleasantly among themselves and in the society of the Professors. The number of students in the Medical School connected with Harvard University is now 185, and much larger than at any former period.

A Marseilles journal says: "It is gratifying to have to state that business is being actively resumed in this port. The expedition to China has had the effect of dissipating all fears, even those of the greatest pessimists, that the relations of France with England will not for at least two years remain on a friendly footing. Thanks

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

How to Make Buildings Warm and Dry—Hollow Walls.

Hollow walls for buildings, by inclosing and confining a stratum or wall of non-conducting air, preserve both equable temperature and dryness, whatever may be the outside heat or cold. Protection against the direct action of the elements—of rain and wind—of course constitutes the leading idea of a house. But when this is done, the more subtle operations of heat are regardless of wood and stone, of brick and plaster, and must be modified by new means and conditions, or our houses will be damp, or hot, or cold, with each meteorological change, as in fact they generally are, to a greater or less extent. If the walls of houses are good conductors, they readily communicate the heat of the sun's rays, or of the warm air passing and touching them, to the inside, whence it is both radiated and conducted to the floors and other objects. Then when the outside air is cold, and the sun's rays are removed, the walls conduct the internal heat the other way to the passing air outside, while the floors, air, and objects within, give up their heat to the walls often faster than stones and furnaces can supply it. Thus restless caloric is for ever searching out new objects, and seeking to equalize itself over all the world. The extent to which it shall be a cheap, reliable and equable element in our indoor comfort, is determined to a great extent, by the construction of the walls of our houses; they may either facilitate or interrupt its roaming propensities. The fact of these offices was illustrated by the walls of the Crystal Palace, which being a single thickness of iron, a good conductor, caused the internal temperature to conform immediately to the outside changes; the other office is illustrated by all hollow-walled buildings, and by all thick walls of stone or other poor conductors. The very thick granite walls of the Merchants' Exchange preserve a nearly equable temperature within at all seasons, because they are such a very long time in transmitting the heat imparted to them from either side. But very thick stone or brick walls are not only expensive but damp, for they are always at a lower temperature than that necessary for living apartments, and air charged with moisture in a place warmer than the walls, will loose its retentive power and precipitate its moisture upon coming in contact with them. Air, however, is a poorer conductor than stone, and costs nothing save the box or hollow in the wall which holds it, and this is only a question of slightly increased labor in construction, and not a question of material for the same amount of materials may be made stronger if hollow than if solid. Here we come to the great and common mistake which too often renders hollow walls no better than solid ones, viz.: instead of absolutely confining the stratum of air, and isolating it from the outer atmosphere, they permit it to change, to escape when heated, and make room for fresh air from without; in short, to *circulate*, in which case they are worse than a single wall. Many attempts are made, especially in the country, to prevent the dampness of brick or stone houses by making hollow walls, and they generally fail because the contained air is not absolutely confined. Dampness does not come from without through the wall, but is deposited from the air within when it comes in contact with the walls which have been made cold simply because they are not thorough non-conductors. The greatest care should be taken to stop all holes, however small, especially between the outside atmosphere and the inclosed non-conducting stratum.

FRENCH LOCOMOTIVES—THEIR VALUE TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

French locomotives are generally constructed upon the English model, having six wheels in a rigid frame, without a truck. The comparative straightness and good condition of European roads does not render the better American style of running gear so necessary as it is on our own roads. There are, however, many original designs of more or less merit. The "Crampton" engine, with one pair of eight feet (or larger) driving wheels placed behind the boiler instead of under it, so as to keep the centre of gravity low, while its adhesion is limited is quite well adapted to the very high speeds light gradients and to the small express trains of French lines. Many of its features are not economical. It is used almost exclusively in France, although it is an English invention. The remarkable Engerth engines, originally designed for the Semmering incline, are considerably used for freight. They are an exaggeration of the six and eight-wheeled freight-engines, much in vogue here at one time, the larger class having eight coupled wheels four feet two inches in diameter, without a truck. In some, a large portion of the weight of the tender rests on the engine, and increases its adhesion; in others, the four wheels of the tender are coupled to those of the engine, giving the adhesion of the whole mass of some sixty tons. The cylinders are 19½ by 26 inches, our first-class cylinders averaging 16 by 22 inches. The boilers are enormous, being nearly 60 inches in diameter, with 235 tubes, 16½ feet long, our common boilers having say 45 inches diameter, and 150 tubes 10 or 12 feet long. The boiler proportions of these engines have not been proved economical in the general practice. Their extreme weight at high speeds causes, of course, extreme repair expenses of track and machinery. At very low speeds, say 5 or 6 miles per hour, the principle of concentrating power may not be erroneous. The engines draw 450 tons, exclusive of cars, up grades of 1 in 200 to 1 in 143, burning 68 pounds of coal per mile. The Larpent engines, with ordinary running gear, but a very novel boiler, having excessively large flues, and other novelties, promised great things at the time of the Great Exhibition in Paris. They have not been much heard of since. The peculiarities, as *detail*, of French engines are chiefly as follows: Boiler plates are 6-16 or nearly ⅜ inch thick, where ½ is used in England, and ⅜ in America. The best French charcoal plate has a tensile strength of 58,000 pounds per square inch, the best American plates having 69,000. Angle iron at the joints of plates, so common in England, is not used in France, as it is not in America. Copper fire boxes, like the English boxes, are universal, save in case of some experimental steel boxes. Steam domes, for separating steam from spray, are not as common as in England or America. With superheating they are entirely unnecessary. French boilers are covered, in many cases, with polished sheet lasse, which is intrinsically a good material, preventing the radiation of heat by its brightness. English boilers are covered with painted sheet iron, which is worst, and American boilers with Russia iron, which, considering cost and brightness, is best. Coal burning in France is far behind that in England, and not up to the most enlightened practice here. The admission of air above the fire, and devices for mixing the gases are not common, and smoke and a high consumption is the result. Too much importance is attached to the *grate* as the leading means of economical coal-burning, as has also been the case with us. Jackets are usually cast around the cylinders, which, if properly used for drying steam, are the means of a considerable economy.

Outside cylinders are recently the order of the day in France as elsewhere. KRUPP'S steel cranked shafts, guaranteed to last five years, are much used in case of inside cylinders. Cast-steel tires, as in England, are gaining ground. Wheels wholly of wrought iron are not as common as in Great Britain. The cast-iron piston of American engines, with its springs and double rings, is a clumsy affair. The "Swedish piston," much used all over Europe, is simply a wrought-iron disc with two cast-iron rings, whose elasticity keeps them tight. The American plan of air chambers on the [illegible] pumps is much used. A new and very reasonable system of feeding the boiler is coming into use. The impulsive force of a steam jet or [illegible] drives the water into the boiler under circumstances which have so attracted public attention in England [illegible] people and discussions in the pages of engineers.

[illegible] and the use of steel [illegible] and boilers, there is not much in the French practice that is useful to American builders. The machine work is well done, but the designs are often clumsy.

CONDITION OF ITALY.

The Policy of the Piedmontese Government—Discussions in the Double Chamber—Free View of the Situation.

From Our Italian Correspondent.

SIENA, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1859.

The horizon looks very dark just now, the Emperor's peremptory orders, for this is the literal translation of "prese se consuelo," to the King of Piedmont concerning the regency of the Prince of CARIGNANO, is regarded as a personal affront by every honest Italian, inasmuch as it had been all but officially notified to the four Assemblies that his election was in accordance with the wishes of the Government and the King, who, it was said, would not hesitate to sanction the acceptance. Great indignation is also expressed against the King for yielding to the insolent menaces of his ally.

The Parmesans and Modenese are also irritated beyond measure. As the Tuscans are weary of RICASOLI and Co., exasperated at his intuitive, his death-in-life system of repression and suppression, they think of the two, BONCOMPAGNI may not be a bad exchange; but Parma and Modena, justly attached to FARINI, and only willing to lose him in order to effect a nearer approach to unity, in order to appear before the European Congress. One with Piedmont, not only *de jure* but *de facto*, are furious at being done out of FARINI to receive instead a BONCOMPAGNI with no more official authority and probably less energy and audacity.

According to the Tuscan correspondent of the London Times of the 8th of November:

"The apostles of the Mazzinian *tout ou rien* school formed the focus of discontent, and were gaining sufficient ascendancy to imperil the popularity of GARIBALDI himself. They succeeded in describing him as having deserted the Mazzinian Party, and whispered that he would in the end prove as false to Italy as he had been the chief of Young Italy, to whom he had sworn allegiance, even while he was winning his spurs in the campaigns of Montevideo."

Now one word as to the accuser, before we touch on the accusation. Signor ARTURO GALLENGA was once one of the most ardent partisans of Young Italy, and after the execution of a number of its members in Piedmont, in 1833, he laid a plot to assassinate CARLOS ALBERT—of which plot he was to be the sole executor. But his courage failed him; or, as CAMPANELLA wittily wrote, "He could not find the number of the King's house." So he went to England, where he lived under the name of LUIGI MARZOTTI, signing himself, up to 1846, a member of Young Italy. In 1849 he published an account of the events of 1848, full of praises of MAZZINI, full of blame to Piedmont. Then he married a rich wife, and from that moment laid aside his republicanism, and commenced a series of invectives against the Republican Party, and calumnies against its chiefs. In 1855 he published a *History of Piedmont*, which formed a strange contrast with his *Italy, in* 1848. About the same time he was elected Deputy of the Sardinian Chambers, and was decorated by the King with the cross of the Order of San Maurizio. In 1857 we find him special correspondent of the London *Daily News*, and each letter contained fresh calumnies against MAZZINI, one of which taunted him with being an assassin, or a plotter of assassination. MAZZINI was at that moment in Genoa, and BARGNICO CAMPANELLA, a faithful member of Young Italy ever since the origin of the Society, wrote to him, entreating him, for the sake of the principle which suffered by these unrefuted calumnies, to supply him with the facts of the case. This MAZZINI did, and CAMPANELLA published a full account of the transaction in the *Italia del Popolo*. Imagine the consternation of VICTOR EMANUEL when he found the would-be murderer of his father a Deputy of the Sardinian Parliament, and decorated with the cross of San Maurizio. Of course Signor GALLENGA was at once stripped of his cross and compelled to send in his resignation; and so many enemies had he made in Turin, that every newspaper, from the organs of the Clerical Party to the Liberal papers, rejoiced in his downfall. I remember going to the office of the *Daily News* at the time, to see Mr. WEIR, that ever-to-be-regretted editor. "It's the bitter bit," he said, "and if I had known his antecedents I certainly would not have inserted his calumnies." Then he showed me a letter from his "own correspondent" in Turin, who said that he had gone from office to office, begging a little mercy for GALLENGA, but that the editors replied: "Has he ever failed to do us an ill turn when it lay in his power? Why should we spare him now?"

Certainly, if word-penitence and contrition could atone for wrong done, GALLENGA must stand acquitted, he said. MAZZINI had but spoken the truth, and he begged pardon of the King, of the House, of the Press, and of the public—who did not readily forgive him, however; not for the intentional act, but for the false colors he had worn since, and for the impudent hypocrisy with which he had blamed others for maintaining principles which were proven to be his own. At the same time he asserted that he should withdraw entirely, not only from politics, but from the Press. How he has kept his word, his present letters to the *Times* are proofs. When the disclosures so fatal to him were made, he showed no resentment towards MAZZINI, whom he well knew could still further damage him; but from that hour to this he has never lost an opportunity of calumniating him, and of maligning all those suspected of sharing his principles anonymously. I have long kept silence on the subject, but I think Americans who read the articles of the London *Times*, without note or comment, ought to know who writes them, and the motives that inspire their author. Apart from the personalities they contain, the letters are excellent, which is not surprising, as GALLENGA is a man of considerable talent, great research and study, and is a perfect master of the English language.

And now for his accusations. I am in a position to inform you that never since the days of Montevideo, to which the correspondent alludes—when the deeds and daring of the gallant leader and his band were collected by MAZZINI, and printed by him in London and distributed clandestinely throughout Italy, so that GARIBALDI on his return in June 1848, found his name a household word in the Peninsula—never since those days has the so-called Mazzinian party been as unanimous as now, in seconding GARIBALDI'S every wish, and in recognizing him as the rightful leader who holds the destinies of Italy in his grasp. To every question put by his friends in Bologna, and they are many, MAZZINI has replied, "I would make GARIBALDI Dictator." When but lately some generous, impetuous youths suggested to him that if he would but use his influence with certain of the officers and military men the crossing of the Rubicon would be effected, and certainly seconded by GARIBALDI, he replied, "Even if I were sure of success, I would not attempt it; a movement initiated by us would be regarded as a party movement, and would furnish a pretext for foreign intervention. It is for GARIBALDI to take the initiative, and I have sufficient faith in his patriotism and his conviction of its necessity to believe that he will do so." I sent you his letters concerning the 1,000,000 muskets and I can moreover assure you that he has contributed more than any one else to wake up the English people to contribute. In Scotland, too, it is the old Italian Society which is setting vigorously to work under the inspiration of that canny Scotchman and American citizen, JOHN MCADAM, who, working hand in hand with the large-brained, great-hearted Prof. NICHOL,—now alas! gone from us,—has done so much in the past for KOSSUTH and the Hungarian cause, for the liberation of Italian prisoners, and for the succor of the sixty-four victims of King BOMBA.

GARIBALDI knows that as long as he says "Trust in me, I will lead you to battle against Italy's foes," these Republicans or Mazzinians will never play him false. But he also knows that were he now to waver or seem timid and irresolute no power on earth will eventually the matter into their own hands—from saying "Enough; prevent the volunteers and the populace from taking this hanging on the whispers of a foreign despot, who played the liberator for his own ends and not for ours. Europe is looking at us. Let us make an effort to fight these enemies, these priests and foreigners. If we win the day the triumph will be ours; if we fail we fall gloriously, and we shall be respected in defeat. If, on the contrary, we continue inert until the meeting of the Congress, Austria and France without, and the apathy of some and the machinations of others within the Peninsula, will win the day, and the world will say, it serves them right—they had the battle in their own hands; they had time to arm and they neglected to do so; those who were armed feared to use their weapons; the Italians are not fit for liberty, because they lost the only real opportunity ever offered them of winning it." This, as GARIBALDI knows, will be the consequence of his falling short of the national trust and national hope; and he also knows that were he sufficiently powerful to induce the nation to yield to the fratricidal designs of France, such submission would be suicide to Italy and the annihilation of the *prestige* of the House of Savoy; therefore it is true patriotism and absolute necessity that dictated his message of the 11th to the King.

It now remains to be seen what the upshot will be. The probabilities are that VICTOR EMANUEL will summon the General to Turin, and use his personal influence, which is great, to induce him to alter his determination; but unless he can show good reasons for the suspension of hostilities—proofs not only [illegible] of security to Piedmont [illegible] would doubtless [illegible] In short, I can assert, without [illegible] Villafranca on the Mincio [illegible] and indication in the [illegible] Walewski's circular, touching the Congress of Zurich, has been quite enough to put the seals on the Regency question, though people talk vaguely of some mysterious arrangements between France and Piedmont for the payment of the Austrian debt. Lord ELLENBOROUGH'S letter has, however, come in for its share of notice; though, as usual, the cowardly Lombard Press cut and trimmed to suit the censor papers of the Italians—the Lombardo-Venetians only allowed to give extracts, so that there is nothing to say against it. Lord ELLENBOROUGH, whatever his countrymen may think of his liberalism, as a member of the Tory party, is a favorite with the Italians, on account of his being one of the few British aristocrats who, in company with Sir JAMES MACKINTOSH, rose up and protested against the abandonment of Sicily in 1814, affirming that Britain had contracted a debt of honor and of gratitude towards the Sicilians; that she had pledged her word to support the Spanish Constitution of 1814, by the mouth of Sir WILLIAM SUMNER; that she could not depart from her plighted word without perfidy and dishonor.

The 85,000 francs from the Italians of New York, and the 40,000 from the Italians in Montevideo, for the families of the combatants, have arrived contemporaneously, and have given great satisfaction here. It is now hoped that absent sons of Italy will respond to GARIBALDI'S appeal, and imitate his example. You will have heard of the successful issue of the Piedmontese loan—are you aware of the fact that Cardinal ANTONELLI has invested 1,000,000 of francs, in his brother's name, in this loan? Surely, when the Holy Father is in such distress for funds, this is not kind.

The reforms in the criminal code of Piedmont, of which I spoke to you some time since, are now about to be published. Capital punishment for political offences is abolished. Boema, a member of Young Italy, shot at Chambery in 1834, was the last victim of this barbarous law, which, though fallen into disuse since then, is only now thrust from the code, as in 1847, for the affair of the 29th June. Five Genoese were condemned to death, which punishment was commuted to the galleys for life, until the late amnesty, which included all save MAZZINI. So far attempts at homicide which do not prove fatal. All kinds of punishment against such as refuse to make revelations (to play the spy) are withdrawn. In short, very radical alterations and modifications have been made, and not before they were required.

FROM CHILI.

The American Squadron—Miscellaneous News—Departure of Mr. Bigler—The Earthquake at Copiapo.

From Our Own Correspondent.

VALPARAISO, Monday, Oct. 31, 1859.

Commodore MONTGOMERY arrived in the *Merrimac*, expecting to meet the *Lancaster*, a fortnight ago. But receiving orders from home to repair to Central America at once, he hoisted his pennant on board the *Cyane* and sailed North in her. The *Lancaster* has not arrived yet. She has been heard from by Overland Mail *viâ* Buenos Ayres, and is now looked for daily. The *Merrimac* still waits for her before sailing for home. Her surgeon, Dr. EDWARDS, is ailing. He is on shore at the American Hospital, seriously ill, I believe.

On Friday last the ward-room officers of the *Merrimac* invited a party of friends from shore to pass the afternoon and evening on board. It was a handsome affair, and afforded general gratification. The ship was decorated beautifully.

Political order now prevails in the country. The Government has been far from severe with offenders. They have been treated very differently from what they would have been in England or the United States.

Work on the railroad to Santiago has been resumed beyond Quillota. A large contractor is OVALLE, late Minister of Finance. A French engineer, named SALLES, has come out for two years, at $15,000 a year, to superintend all railroad operations for the Government over and above all the other engineers. He is at present going over the line to Santiago, *viâ* Tabon, to compare the two routes proposed. Mr. LLOYD still continues on the work as Chief-Engineer. OCTAGAVIA has returned from Europe; so has General GAMA.

A libel suit has just been tried in this city, causing a good deal of interest. The plaintiff was Mr. E. A. PEARCE, of LANG, PEARCE & Co., an English house. The defendant was Mr. CHARLES ROWE. Orders had come from England, transferring the business of LANG, PEARCE & Co. to Mr. ROWE'S hands; the home partners being for some cause dissatisfied. Of this ROWE gave notice by an advertisement, stating at the same time that PEARCE had gone out of town for an indefinite time, leaving the house without a head or manager, and had also entered into transactions with third parties contrary to the articles of copartnership.

On that PEARCE returned to town and sued ROWE for defamation by libel. The first jury when called gave leave to proceed with a suit; and on Saturday last the second jury gave a verdict of "culpable in first degree." The Judge thereupon imposed the minimum sentence of the law, namely, a fine of $100 and imprisonment for fifteen days. ROWE is lodged, by Executive favor, in the military barracks instead of the prison. There are a great many who rejoice in this issue, but the more enlightened opinion of the place condemns the procedure of PEARCE.

In Santiago, the American Minister, Mr. BIGLER, has presented a copy of a note from General CASS, asking the restoration of Mr. Consul TREVITT, whose *exequatur* had been withdrawn because of his taking part with the rioters of February last, so far as to harbor them and protest against their removal from his premises by an armed police force.

This certainly is different from what we had expected would be the result. How the American Government can call on this one to restore this Consul, when the three British Consuls were ejected so summarily at New-York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, for complicity in the enlistment of troops for the Crimea, I do not perceive. That this gentleman opposed the arrest of the insurgents, no mortal can deny. Four days they were in his house. On the fifth, he stated to the officer sent for them that they were in arms, and would resist by force. And when the officer said he must, in any case, capture them, the Consul replied by extending a formal protest against the force entering his dwelling.

This may have been the result of ignorance, or it may have arisen from kindness of feeling towards the fugitives; but it was highly imprudent for a foreign officer—so much so that the Americans longest and best established here sustained the action of the Chilian Government in canceling in consequence the *exequatur*.

Gen. CASS, I cannot but think, will reconsider the position he has now taken. I cannot believe he would, *mutatis mutandis*, submit to such a claim from France or England in a similar case. I hear that this Government is so clearly convinced that it is in the right, that it is resolved not to accede to the American Minister's request, in which position they are to be sustained and honored.

Many ships are overdue from Europe and the United States. Thirty-eight or forty are thus out, some making exceedingly long passages.

To-day at noon a fire broke out in this City. The wind was high. Great fears were felt that it would spread; but it was brought under. Now, however, at 9½ o'clock in the evening, it has broken out anew. It is in what is called the Planchada.

The propeller *Polynesian* is making regular trips to Taicahuano again.

The damage done to Copiapo by the earthquake of the 5th inst. was very considerable. A number of houses were destroyed. Many more were injured. At Caldera the sea retired and returned with some force. However, no great damage was caused by the returning wave. The subterranean thunder was terrific and lasted long. The oscillations continued about three minutes in full force; four minutes and a half in all, according to observations in the Mining College. It occurred at 8 A. M., and before 12½ P. M., that is in 4½ hours, 17 shocks were felt.

According to some accounts, the shock was felt at Tres Puntas, 75 miles distant, at 7.43 A. M., and at Copiapo at 8.30; passing that distance in 17 m. 30 sec. The Merced Church has suffered greatly; it threatens to fall. So, too, the prison, hospital, Matriz Church, and Governor's house. One hundred and fifteen houses are in ruins, and two hundred and forty-three greatly damaged. The loss is calculated at $625,000. Only two lives were known to be lost. All the mining towns have suffered, as well as the smelting furnaces at the port of Caldera. So that a million would not cover all the damage.

To-day notice is published of the decease of a Senator, Don RAMON SUBERCASEAUX, at the age of 68 years. He belonged to the Opposition. Has left a numerous family and a fortune of three millions.

Don IGNACIO OSSA, another Senator, also of the Opposition, who was arrested for complicity in the late attempts at revolution, has been released from prison on condition of his going to reside on one of his estates in the interior.

JOSE EUSEBIO and DOMINGO SANTA MARIA, members of the Chamber of Deputies, have been banished for similar causes. They have not left yet. SANTA MARIA must go beyond Peru. The other may go to Mendoza or to Valdivia in Chili.

In business circles ALEXANDER G. MILLER has had to call his creditors together; debts, $330,000; assets, however, $60,000 more. The old business is to be wound up, and a new concern formed, of same name as before—ROSS & MILLER being the active partners.

No news recently from Buenos Ayres, although at [illegible]

[illegible] quite imagined being [illegible] the Vicente Condesa [illegible] hull cleaner Sagrio had left Valparaiso [illegible] with new machinery; she was [illegible] Callao.

Rio de Janeiro—Two [illegible] Uruguayan [illegible] from Chili, whither he had gone in his yacht. SOUTH PACIFIC.

FROM MEXICO.

Universal Success of the Conservative Cause—Vera Cruz Threatened by Robles—Disunion Among the Liberal Leaders—Rumors Concerning Freedom of Mr. Mathew—Letter from Tuxtlan.

From the Havana Diario, Dec. 7.

By the arrival of the steamship *Marion* we receive files of the *Progreso*, of Vera Cruz, to the 30th ult., and of the *Boletin*, of Jalapa, to the 17th, and an extra of the *Estrella*, of Guadalajara, to the 11th. The news is important. The Conservative cause is every where triumphant.

After the complete rout of the Federalists, at Ocoyoca, after two successive battles gained by President MIRAMON, in Estancia de las Vacas and Apaseo, three leagues from Queretaro, on the 12th of November, in which he took 400 prisoners, among them Generals TARIA and ALVAREZ, the first mortally wounded and the second with the loss of a leg, twelve officers and more than two hundred soldiers being killed and wounded, another victory was obtained by Colo. R. MARGUEZ IBARRA and Don FERMINA GARCIA DE LA CARRERA over the forces of CONSTANZO at Tepic, Zacatecas was occupied by Gen. CARRILLO, Tehuantepec by Col. MARRADO, and finally, Morelia by Gen. VELASCO. These constitute a series of triumphs sufficient to have changed the aspect of the Republic, and lead us to hope for a proximate peace.

The victory of Colo. LEAHA and GARCIA in Tepic was signalized by the death of Gen. CONSTANZO, the principal Federalist officer in that part of the country; and with him fell the three officers next in rank, besides thirty other officers and four hundred men, 1,800 muskets and 20 pieces of artillery falling into the hands of the victors. The generosity of the victors, says the *Estrella*, of Guadalajara, "went so far as to extend an escort of one hundred men to the sole officer of rank who survived his companions, in order that he might go to Chihuahua, his native place, and carry the news of his sad defeat."

The Federalists of Vera Cruz, through their organ, the *Progreso*, acknowledge all these misfortunes, although they feel confident that the whole of DIESTRA'S army was not destroyed at Apaseo. The *Progreso*, however, announces the arrival at Tampico of Gen. TRACONIS, one of the commanders of the Federalist forces at the Estancia de las Vacas and Apaseo.

The General-President, after his victories, set out for Guanajuato, having first commissioned Gen. MEJIA to escort from the capital the booty taken from the enemy. We have here the explanation of his departure from Mexico: A proclamation from the army states that the President, being relieved from the cares of Government, had resolved to participate in the dangers and glories of his companions. The official documents before us lead us to believe also that the Marquez affair had been amicably settled, and that that Chief of the First Division had marched to occupy not only San Blas, but Mazatlan. We see also that the forces of Gen. WOLL were about to effect a union with those of the President, which undoubtedly indicates the complete pacification of the interior, and the possibility of undertaking at the same time the attack of Vera Cruz and Tampico. ALVARADO must fall an easy prey to the forces under Gen. CASSO in Oajaca.

According to our private correspondence, a perfect panic prevailed at Vera Cruz, which was increased by the announcement that Gen. ROBLES would commence operations against the port on the 8th inst. It was said in Vera Cruz that ROBLES, who had been in Jalapa since the middle of November, was already seizing wagons for the campaign. Besides this, a serious disagreement existed among the members of the Federalist Government, in regard to the negotiation of the treaty with the United States. Señores JUAREZ and OCAMPO were of entirely different mind to Señor LERDO DE TEJADA, who for that reason had not yet assumed charge of the Secretaryship of the Treasury; meanwhile, Mr. MCLANE remained on board of the same vessel that brought him. Our correspondents add that these disagreements are in regard to the cession of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Sonora and Lower California, and had given rise to the idea of superseding Señor JUAREZ by Señor LERDO. But the new disasters in the interior had put an end to these plans. On account of this situation, it is said that Mr. MCLANE finds himself in anything but a comfortable position, especially as he sees the Federalist Government reduced to the port of Vera Cruz.

FROM YUCATAN.

We have dates from Merida, *viâ* Havana, to Nov. 20. The last news was that the Peninsula had been pacified; but it now appears that this was an error. The Governor of the State had announced that he would set out on Dec. 2, for the East, to forward the march of the troops who were to operate against the insurgents. Don DOMINGO L. PAS took charge of the Government *ad interim*.

The Indians of Kantunil had submitted to the Government. FRANCISCO SONDA and DIONISIO CANTO were to be executed on the 1st inst., for the murder of Don MANUEL ITURBARAN.

Don JOSE LORENZO MANZANERES and Don FAUSTINO LOPE, sentenced to death for a military conspiracy, were pardoned, on the ground that no blood was shed by their rebellion.

FROM CUBA.

Arrival of the Moses Taylor—Anticipated Departure of Gen. Concha—The Markets—Cruise of the United States Steamer Wyandotte—From the South Side of the Island.

The United States Mail steamship *Moses Taylor*, S. P. GRIFFIN, Esq., commanding, from New-Orleans on the 5th, and from Havana on the 8th, arrived early yesterday morning.

She experienced unvarying head winds throughout the passage.

There is nothing of interest from Havana.

The health of Havana is good, the crop prospects favorable.

It was generally understood that Gen. CONCHA was to leave Havana on the 13th or 14th inst., by the same steamer which brought out Gen. SERRANO. The preparations to honor him on his departure were on an extensive scale.

The *Diario de la Marina* says that a company of one hundred men, from the city and country, are being drilled in military exercises with the intention of offering their services to the Spanish Government for the war in Africa.

A Boston fire-engine has been tried in Havana. It gave moderate satisfaction.

The Sugar market is dull, quotations remaining as by previous advices.

Molasses quiet. Stock light and no demand. Held at 3 rials per keg.

Freight market is much depressed.

Exchanges have been in rather quiet demand, the market being well supplied with choice paper. London, 60 days' sight to Liverpool, payable in London, 16@16¼ premium. New-York, Boston, Baltimore and Portland, 4@4¼ do; New-Orleans, short sight, 6 to —; Paris 2@2¼ do.; Spain, 7@7½ do.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

PORT SAGUA, Cuba, Monday, Dec. 5, 1859.

The United States steamer *Wyandotte*, which left New-York in October, is now lying at this port. The vessel behaved very badly during the voyage: shipping several seas, suffering some damage, and being compelled to run into port to repair damages. The *Wyandotte* arrived at St. Jago on the 25th ult. During her stay there the officers attended one of the balls given in honor of the birthday of one of the children of the Queen of Spain.

After cruising among the Keys for some days we ran in here to repair our old engine, one of the main braces having given way. This is a superb harbor, large enough for the world and easy of access, although the Consul, Governor and merchants express great surprise that we should have run in successfully without a pilot.

Last night a coasting steamer came in from Trinidad, bringing the Governor—who is under arrest from the Governor-General of the Island—with some thirty negroes of his, bound to Havana. It appears that about two weeks ago an American vessel landed six hundred negroes at Trinidad, and that the Governor was not only aware of the fact, but came in possession of these thirty Africans.

The Governor of this place has requested a passage to St. Jago de Cuba on the 12th of this month, and this steamer will return on the 15th for that purpose, after which she will cruise among the Keys between Cape Marie and Cape St. Antonio, until it is necessary to repair to Pensacola for provisions, which will be about the middle of January next.

From Porto Rico.

RECEPTION OF GEN. SERRANO—NEW LINE TO ST. THOMAS—WRECK OF A SPANISH WAR VESSEL.

From the *Diario de la Marina* we derive dates from Porto Rico to Nov. 27. The *Boletin* of San Juan abounds in particulars of the reception there, *en route* for Havana, of Captain-General SERRANO. He was received with great honors, and for three days kept the little island in a fever of excitement.

The people were very enthusiastic on account of the war with Morocco. Quite a number had offered themselves as volunteers. Some old men, father of a family, and not at all rich, had offered to sustain two soldiers at his own cost, so long as the war should last.

The markets of the island were well supplied with all the provisions which constitute the principal food of the poorer classes.

The American steamer *Albert Hove* had commenced to run between Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, as the line abandoned by the English steamer *Victoria*. The latter boat was lost while leaving the port of Jacmel, Nov. 16, but all hands were saved.

The Spanish ship *Paz*, from Havana for Cadiz, *forty days out*, went ashore at Puerto Rico on the 24th of November, and became nearly a total wreck. She sailed from Havana Oct. 15, with 130 passengers, chiefly troops and prisoners. On the 29th, in a strong gale, she was partially dismasted, and with difficulty made her way to Puerto Rico. She lost eleven men by sickness, but none by drowning, during her extraordinary passage.

A PANIC IN DETROIT.

Sudden Disappearance of Citizens—Apprehensions of Murder.

The Detroit papers are discussing the mysterious disappearance of some citizens of the place under circumstances which induce the belief of foul play. The *Advertiser* reports the proceedings of a large meeting of citizens on Saturday evening, December 10, to devise measures for discovering the cause of the disappearance of Mr. J. BARNABAS CARPAR, who has been missing since Nov. 22. Mr. DUMAS, from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Mayor and request him to call a special meeting of the Common Council, reported that the Mayor had been seen, but that no action had been taken in reference to calling the Aldermen together. He also stated that he informed the Mayor that if he would call a meeting of the Council and recommend to them the offering of a reward of $1,000 for information of the whereabouts of Mr. CARPAR, or for the arrest and conviction of his murderers, if murdered, he (Mr. DUMAS) would raise $1,000 as an individual subscription, in case the Council had no power to offer the reward.

Mr. J. LOGAN CHIPMAN, City Attorney, stated that the Council had no authority to offer a reward, but that he hoped the citizens would.

Remarks were made by other gentlemen present, when it was finally decided to offer a reward, as follows:

The following was offered and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we, as citizens, will subscribe our share of a reward of $500 for the discovery of the whereabouts of Mr. J. BARNABAS CARPAR, if alive, if murdered, or if dead, and $500 additional for the arrest and conviction of the murderers. And further, we will offer a reward of $500 for the apprehension of the murderers or murderer of either SWATZER, SMITZ or COLE.

The *Free Press* adds the following:

"Coupled with the disappearance of Mr. CARPAR is the like disappearance of three or four other persons, a fact which is to us the least strange and most startling. The anxious friends and relatives of two of these were in town yesterday searching for some trace of them, and from conversation with them, we are persuaded that they have some cause for alarm.

One of the missing persons is a Mr. JAMES ASHLEY, of Maidstone Cross, Essex County, Canada. He came to Detroit a week ago yesterday, bringing with him a lot of valuable furs, which he disposed of, since which time he has not been heard from. He was a sober, industrious man, and had a good property at home, which he would not be likely to leave. His family are in great distress, and one of his neighbors came to the city yesterday to make inquiries respecting him. It is believed that he realized a considerable sum of money by the sale of his furs, and his friends are confident that he has been put out of the way for the sake of robbery. There is no positive proof that such is the case, however, and time only will decide the matter.

Another is a Mr. BURR, of Bruce, Macomb County, who came here with a team and a load of produce about Thanksgiving Day, and remained two or three days at the City Hotel. He then disappeared, leaving his team at the hotel, and has not since been heard of. He was Town Clerk at home, and has always borne a respectable character. While in the city he indulged in the use of ardent spirits, and is known to have got into bad company. He may have absented himself voluntarily, or he may have been foully dealt with for his money. There is no cause for voluntary absence, as he left a wife and family at home with whom he has always lived happily. His brother-in-law and another citizen of his place of residence are in the city searching for some trace of him, and the following letter from his wife was received by Police Justice BAGG:

BRUCE, Dec. 5, 1859.

JUSTICE BAGG—*Dear Sir*: My distress of mind on my husband's account must be my excuse for writing to you to ask your candid opinion as to his whereabouts. I very much fear (and have from the first) that he is murdered. Will you please inform me if there is anything more that can be done? You are probably aware that I am left destitute, with four little ones, one being sick. That and my own poor health is all that has kept me from the city. But if money is what is wanted to make the search successful, I will sell my furniture to raise some. My husband, from what I can learn, has not been himself while in Detroit. He is subject to insanity, if not feeling very well. That, together with the effect of the liquor and bad influences there thrown around him, has led him astray. He has ever been an affectionate, kind husband, and tender, indulgent father, and we have been very happy together, and it would not be possible for you to form any idea of the deep, bitter agony I have suffered on his account; none but God knows. I am perhaps foolish or presumptuous in troubling you, but I hear that you are a humane man, and, wherever there is a ray of hope, I cling to it. Should you chance to see him, please tell him for God's sake to return to his wife, whose heart is breaking. All—all but his former virtues and kindness will be forgotten. His children call for him, and oh! our home is desolate indeed. Will you be kind enough to answer this at your earliest opportunity, for this awful suspense is too much for mortal to endure? Please do, and you have my lasting gratitude, and may an All-Wise God bless and recompense you.

Yours, respectfully, E. M. SMITH.

There are other persons about whom friends and relatives are making diligent inquiries, whose names are mentioned in the proceedings of the meeting of citizens in another column. We are not familiar with the facts in their cases, but it seems that they are deemed worthy of notice. All of these circumstances combined suggest a question which will startle every citizen from his sense of security, viz: Have we a band of organized murderers and robbers in our midst?"

Death of Rev. S. L. Southard.

Correspondence of the Church Journal.

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1859.

ABOUT 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Rev. Mr. TERRY called on me, and startled me by the awful announcement, "Poor SOUTHARD is dead!" It is seldom that I have received so great a shock, and the peculiarly sad circumstances of his death have most deeply and painfully affected me, as they have all who knew him. After his resignation of the parish of Boonville, about the end of September, he wrote to Bishop DE LANCEY, renouncing the ministry, and was formally deposed by him in Richmond, during the session of the General Convention.

For several weeks past he has been at a cheap boarding-house near Barnum's Hotel, in bad health, but attended most assiduously by Rev. Mr. TERRY, who has not allowed him to want anything. He visited him every day; and calling about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, as usual, found his room locked, and no response to calls for admission. The door being forced, he was found lying on the bed, his face covered with a cloth, which being removed revealed the dreadful truth. The body was still warm, and two physicians were in immediate attendance, but it was all over!

A boy in the house stated that about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night, Mr. SOUTHARD gave him a dollar to buy him a phial of chloroform at a druggist's, which he got for him. He had been in the habit of using this as a remedy for neuralgia in the face, from which he had suffered much for some time, and no doubt died from an accidental overdose. The phial was found at his bedside, half used. When Mr. TERRY saw him on Tuesday, he was in better spirits than usual. His library had been sold at auction the night before, and brought a far larger sum than he expected, upwards of $400. This, after paying all his debts, left him about $300; and he had intended leaving here for New-York on Wednesday afternoon, to take a sea voyage to China for a year, in hope of recovering his health. Mr. BARNUM acted with extreme kindness.

The body was removed to his hotel, and in his two principal parlors the funeral ceremonies took place yesterday afternoon, preparatory to its removal to Bellafontaine Cemetery, where it was deposited in a receiving vault, to await the disposition of his friends at the East. There were present, Bishop HAWKINS, Rev. Messrs. TERRY, CLERC, SCHUYLER, COLEMAN, BERRIAN and CLARK; Judge BOWLES, his cousin, (late Minister of Paraguay,) Judge HAMMOND, also a connection, and several of the most respectable gentlemen of the city. Rev. Mr. TERRY performed the services at the hotel, and the remainder was said at the Cemetery by the Bishop. Mr. TERRY, indeed, especially deserves to be honored for his uniform, long-continued, and extraordinary attentions. Had Mr. SOUTHARD been his brother, it would have been impossible for him to do more.

Life and Letters of Irving—His Family.

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WINTER GARDEN—The Cottage.

BRAYTON'S PARLOR OPERAS—Nos. 718 and 720 Broadway—Never Judge by Appearances—Love's Labor Lost.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE—Don Cesar de Bazan—A Day in Paris—The Yankee Heiress—Paddy Carey—The Four Lovers.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Afternoon and Evening—The Book of Destiny.

FRENCH THEATRE—Mr. San Cowell's Concerts.

CHATHAM REPETITHEATRE—Dick Turpin—Nilson & Arner's Circus—Rip Bolt.

PALACE GARDEN—Van Amburgh & Co.'s Menagerie.

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS—East Twenty-ninth-street—Exhibition of Monster Photographs, Statuary, &c.

COOPER INSTITUTE—Lecture Before the Dramatic Association.

WOOD'S MINSTRELS—No. 444 Broadway—Negro Melodies—and the Piece of P. P. P. P.

MIRLO'S SALOON—Gustave Chenier's Mementoes.

BROOKLYN INSTITUTE—Lecture on Dolly Dutton, at 3 and 7½ P. M.

TEMPLE HALL—Model of Solomon's Temple.

INTERNATIONAL ART INSTITUTION—Exhibition of Paintings.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE, No. 659 Broadway—Abbott's Collection of Egyptian Antiquities.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—Historical Picture of Charles I. By Velasquez.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN—Rossiter & Mignot's Panorama "The Home of Washington after the War."

SCHAUS' GALLERY—No. 639 Broadway—Palmer's Statue, "The Weeping Captive."

PICTURE GALLERY—Whitlock's, No. 596 Canal-street—Free admission.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY—Exhibition of Paintings.

HOPE CHAPEL—Wagner's Italia.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The President, owing it is said, to the non-arrival of the *Tuscarora*, with dispatches from Mexico, did not send in his message yesterday. This obstacle is now removed by the arrival of that steamer at New-Orleans last evening, and it is anticipated that the message will be given to Congress to-day. There seems to be no reason to believe that the delay of the Executive is at all dependent on the movements of the House. Our correspondent assures us that all hope of an early organization is now abandoned; and that many doubt whether Congress will be in a constitutional condition to transact business, either this Winter, or at any time hereafter.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Clay, of Alabama, made a speech in reply to the Republican Senators on Mr. Mason's Harper's Ferry resolution. He was confident that the election of a Republican President would necessarily result in a dissolution of the Union. The South were forewarned, and would be forearmed for her hour of trial. Mr. Gwin concurred in all that Mr. Clay said, and hoped the Republicans would not press a policy which could only lead disastrously to the Union. Messrs. Hale and Wilson replied, reiterating the arguments they have before employed. Mr. Wade has the floor for to-morrow.—The House listened attentively to a speech of Mr. Sickles in vindication of Northern Conservatism and in reprobation of the Anti-Lecompton party. Mr. Adrain, of that party, followed in a vein similar to that of Mr. Hickman on Monday, menacing the South, and declaring to be bound by the action of the Charleston Convention. Mr. Clark (of New-York) and Mr. Hickman followed, and after a desultory discussion the House adjourned.

The *Mount Vernon*, from Havana on the 8th, and the *Isabel* from the same port on the 10th, bring advices from Cuba and Porto Rico to a later date. The Havana news is not of interest. Preparations for honoring the approaching departure of Gen. Concha were on foot, the General expecting to leave on the 13th inst. The markets were dull. A correspondent, writing from Sagua la Grande, gives interesting particulars of the outward voyage of the United States steamer *Wyandotte*.

Our dates from Porto Rico extend to Nov. 27. The papers abound in particulars of the festivities at the reception of Gen. Serrano, upon his passage through the island to Havana. The Spanish frigate, the *Paz*, was wrecked on the coast on the 28th ult.

We have highly important accounts of the progress of events in Mexico. The dates from Vera Cruz are to Dec. 6. They give a discouraging picture of the state of the Liberal interest. Violent dissensions prevailed in the Cabinet of Juarez, which, it was thought, must necessarily be dissolved before unanimity could be restored. The propriety of placing Señor Lerdo in the seat of Juarez was openly discussed. Pending these difficulties, Mr. McLane remained on board the *Brooklyn*. From the interior, the accounts are uniformly of disasters to the Constitutional army. No doubt is left of the rout and retreat of Degollado's army, nor of the death of Coronado at Tepic. The Conservative arms were in the ascendant everywhere. Gen. Woll had occupied San Luis Potosi; Cobos was in possession of the Isthmus. The reported pacification of Yucatan proves to be an error—the Indians of the west, by their violent insubordination, calling for new operations on the part of Government.

Mr. Charles M. Stebbins and his associates of the Western Union Telegraph Company have commenced the construction of a telegraph from St. Louis to San Francisco. The line on the eastern end has been completed for nearly 300 miles west of St. Louis, and on the western about 250 miles from San Francisco. This enterprise is under the patronage of the New-York Associated Press, together with other presses in the Atlantic States, and the San Francisco *Bulletin* and the Sacramento *Union*.

The State Committee of the Mozart Hall Democracy held a session yesterday at Albany. Committees of five from each Congressional District were appointed to call primary meetings and Conventions, to elect Delegates to the National Convention before the first of next January. Resolutions denouncing Collector Schell, Postmaster Fowler, Marshal Rynders, and Surveyor Hart, for the part which they took in the recent municipal election, were offered and laid over.

The American Tract Society suffered a severe revenge yesterday in the destruction by fire of its Depository on Spruce-street. The flames were first discovered in the drying-room, which occupies the fifth floor of the building, and before they could be checked the contents of the fourth and fifth floors had been destroyed. The water flooded the three lower stories, and of course ruined the stock which was stored there. It was at first hoped that the insurances, which amount to $83,000, would cover the entire loss, but there is reason to believe that this will not be the case. The Tract House proper, which is located on Nassau-street, is uninjured, and the publications of the Society, as will be seen from a card which the Assistant Treasurer publishes, will be issued as usual.

Sentence of death was yesterday pronounced for the third time upon James Stephens, lately convicted of poisoning his wife. The third day of February next was fixed as the day of execution. In the General Term of the Supreme Court, yesterday, a decision was announced affirming the judgment of the Special Term, dismissing the complaint in the action brought by the People of the State against Trinity Church, to test the title of the Church to lands held by it in this City. A suit against Prof. Morse, of electric telegraph celebrity, was brought up for argument before Judge Grier, in the Supreme Court Circuit, yesterday. It is an action of trover to recover damages for an alleged invasion of rights secured to one Caldwell (who assigned his right to the plaintiff) of the right to operate telegraphs in Plymouth and Barnstable Counties, Massachusetts, and along the Old Colony Railroad. The trial will continue to-day.

In the Hunt Bankruptcy case, yesterday, Judge Hall has decided the ineligibility of Col. Spencer Smith, on the ground of his [illegible], and Major Pauze, at the same time, is determined not to be entitled to the Solicitorship, because he failed to receive a plurality of the votes cast.

The Representatives of the New-York Fire Department held their annual meeting on Monday evening. The annual report stated that the Permanent Fund of the Fire Department is now $97,250. The disbursements during the last year amounted to $36,890 16, leaving a balance in the Butchers' and Drovers' Bank of $3,225 62. Besides the usual donation of $2,000 from the Common Council, a donation of $3,000 was received from the Legislature. Hon. John Scoles contributed $253 53, the proceeds of his lectures; and from the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company $1,500 was received, being the first dividend paid to the Department, in accordance with the provisions of its charter. The proceeds of the annual Firemen's Ball were $4,924 37. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The most important document submitted before the Board of Supervisors, at its meeting yesterday, was a report of the Committee on Printing and Stationery, setting forth that the Commissioners of Records had paid more than four times as much for printing and binding the records of judgments of the County Clerk's Office,—viz., $400,000—as the work could have been contracted for, and recommending the adoption of a resolution requesting the Commissioners to deliver the records to the Board, to be sold or otherwise disposed of, as the Board shall direct. The report, with the resolution, was adopted. A summary of expenditures for State and County purposes from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, amounting to $3,094,158 59, was presented by the Comptroller. It was directed that $416 66 be paid to Garret Dickman, for services as Register during the last quarter of his term, the suit against him for alleged defalcation having been terminated in his favor. The City Canvassers revised the returns of the Fourth and Sixth Wards in the Second Aldermanic District, and of the Fifteenth Aldermanic District. A motion made by Alderman Stephens to appoint a committee to examine into gross frauds alleged to have been committed in the Second District, was lost.

The Aldermanic Committees of New York and Brooklyn, having the Ferry question under consideration, held a conference last evening. The New-York Committee, at the request of the Brooklyn delegation, agreed to report in favor of leasing the ferries, with a proviso that no higher rates shall be charged than those of the Union Ferry Company in January, 1854. This would bring the fare for foot passengers back to one cent.

The final decree in the case of the slave-bark *Orion* has been filed by Judge Hall, giving judgment to the United States, and condemning the vessel and cargo to forfeiture.

The hearing in the extradition case of Dr. Schilling was continued before United States Commissioner Betts. Mr. Buckley moved for the discharge of the prisoner upon several grounds,—among others that the party claimed came under the exception contained in the third article of the treaty, he being virtually a citizen of the United States. The case is still on.

The Stock market was firm yesterday, and Panama, New-York Central, Pacific Mail, Hudson River and Illinois Central higher. The Foreign Exchanges very active for the Boston steamer at the reduced rates last quoted. The Money market without any new feature.

Sales were made of 4,500 bales Cotton, including 3,200 *in transitu*, at steady rates. The transactions in Flour, Wheat, Rye and Barley were limited. Prices of Flour and Wheat favored buyers. Corn, Coffee, Sugars, Rice, Tallow, Tobacco, Metals and Whisky were in demand. Dry Codfish and Pickled Mackerel were also inquired for. Molasses attracted more attention. Provisions were less active. Pork and Beef were depressed. Other branches of trade exhibited no important changes.

The Union Meeting.

It seems to be taken for granted by some of our cotemporaries that the proposed Union-saving meeting is to help the Democratic Party. The *Tribune* and *Evening Post* are especially vehement in opposing and denouncing it on this ground. They assume that its object is to alarm the North by proclaiming that the Union is endangered by sectional agitations and crusades, and that it can only be preserved by crushing the Republican Party.

Even if this were so, there is a very evident mode by which the anticipated danger can be averted. Let those journals and their party associates convince the public that the Republicans neither countenance nor approve such crusades, and that they will not be behind any other party in resisting attempts against the safety and the peace of the Southern States. Let them cordially approve of the ostensible object of the meeting, and aid in its attainment. They will thus most effectually disarm any attempt to inculpate them in the mischiefs to be denounced, and rescue the party they represent from the damage to which they consider it to be exposed.

It is quite possible the meeting may aim at achieving a party advantage, instead of promoting the general peace and the public good. If it does, we shall be quite as zealous as either of our neighbors in denouncing those who may thus divert it from the object for which it has been called. That object is merely to reassure the people of the Southern States, as to the substantial loyalty and good faith of the North. The Harper's Ferry affair has shaken Southern trust in our fidelity to the principles of the Union. Whether with or without reason, they have seen in it an indication of Northern hatred to Slavery, and of the modes by which that hatred is very likely to be hereafter expressed. They regard the invasion as a legitimate result of the current Northern sentiment, and as actually, even if not openly, approved and indorsed by Northern opinion. We may regret the ignorance and credulity which induce such a belief, but we can scarcely deny its existence or its sincerity, or question the evil consequences to which it tends. Nor can we doubt the propriety of taking steps to correct it—to remove the error in which it originates, and restore the confidence which it has so seriously shaken.

We do not suppose the Union itself to be in any special or immediate danger. We do not believe the mass of the substantial people of the South are ready for disunion, nor do we very clearly see by what practical steps they could effect it even if they were. If their members withdraw from Congress, they will only leave all Federal legislation in the hands of the North and West. If they were to seize the forts and arsenals in the Southern States, they could only hold them against an imaginary foe. If they were to refuse payment of customs, a few revenue cutters would collect them or seize their vessels, leaving them no redress. A year or two of masterly inactivity on the part of the General Government would give them time for reflection, and opportunity for the return of new and more sensible members to Congress. Dissolution is very easily effected on paper, but attended with serious difficulties in practice. Non-intercourse is equally impracticable,—simply because the South wants to sell what we want to buy, and *vice versa*. This mutual necessity is more powerful than resolutions, and will outvote a whole mass-meeting of exasperated patriots. Interest, in the long run, is sure to outweigh passion;—all that is necessary is to give it time to make itself duly and fully felt. With all its drawbacks, the Union is of very great advantage to the people of both North and South; and while it continues to be so, we believe it will be preserved.

But the mere fact of an outward Union should not suffice any man who loves his country. A Union of sections mutually hating and distrusting each other,—in which citizens of either have no rights within the limits of the other,—and where the only greetings exchanged are those of dread on the one side and detestation on the other, is certainly not such a Union as our [illegible] formed, or as the welfare [illegible] requires. And the people of [illegible] to themselves, as well as to the whole country, to do whatever they can justly and fairly to remove the causes which have led to so unhappy a change in the relations of the two sections. The meeting to be held next week can do something toward the accomplishment of that end. So far as it promises to do this, it merits the countenance and support of every patriotic citizen.

An Independent Press.

It is quite impossible for many intelligent persons to conceive of such a thing as an independent newspaper. Journalism, especially in this country, has been so long considered a mere appendage of political partisanship, that it has ceased even to claim for itself any higher function than that of echoing the sentiments, defending the acts, assailing the enemies and seeking the success of one or another political party. The general estimate of every newspaper is, that it must take its guidance wholly from one party or another;—it must be in the interest and under the substantial control of one or the other;—it must look to one or the other for its readers, its influence and its support. And Journalists themselves have too commonly come to accept this as their position and their duty. They may have opinions of their own,—but they must only express these opinions when they coincide substantially with those of the political party through which alone they can possibly expect to accomplish anything for the public good. Hence, even those newspapers which claim to be independent, as even the most violent party organs do, take good care to restrict their independence within the permitted limits of party service.

Now we see no necessity for accepting such a position as this,—nor does it seem to us consistent with the true idea and highest usefulness of Journalism as a distinct profession. A political party is a voluntary association of persons agreeing mainly in sentiment, and seeking by combined action to give their principles effect upon the public at large, and upon the practical conduct of affairs. Two such parties at least are generally struggling for the ascendancy. This is all well,—and is a well-settled necessity in all free governments. Experience shows that the only way in which the popular will can be ascertained and carried into effect, is by means of such party organizations and contests. Naturally enough each party endeavors to bring into its own support all possible agencies of public influence,—large interests, powerful corporations, eloquent speakers, stirring writers, and especially the newspaper press. It is quite right, too, that journalists who deem this the best mode of exerting their professional influence, should enlist with one party or the other, with more or less complete surrender of their individual sentiments and opinions, or their individual right to have any.

But, since every rational man must be prepared to admit that no party is wholly right or wholly wrong,—wholly honest or entirely corrupt; that there is good in both, and more or less of evil in both,—why should not a public journal devote itself to independent criticism of all parties—assert its right to judge them all from its own standard of public principles, and approve or condemn whatever in the conduct of either may seem to merit applause or censure? A newspaper, conducted as a first-class journal should be in the present stage of the profession, ought to be quite as capable of forming opinions, of criticising the conduct of public men, and of judging the tendency of political measures, as the leaders of any political party. Why should it not exercise whatever ability it can command in the honest and patriotic performance of this function? Because, say those who cannot conceive of the possibility of independent journalism, it will have no party organization to support and enforce its views. The *Courier and Enquirer*, speaking of this point, says:

"The time may come when a paper of this kind may exert a vast influence; but one thing is certain, and that is that *such a time has not yet arrived. There is no independent party now existing here.* The parties which now divide the country have each a particular creed, and by this they profess to abide. There may be men who like a part of the creed of one and a part of that of another. Until, however, *a party shall be formed whose creed shall be that now professed by those papers which style themselves independent, these men can effect but little.*"

This assumes that the only method of acting upon the public is through a party;—that a partisan organization, party discipline, and a system of partisan propagandism, is the only way in which any practical results in politics can be brought about. Now this is a great mistake. Public opinion is the basis of all party action, and whatever affects that, creates parties, and imposes upon party leaders the subordinate task of combining and directing forces which exist in advance of them. Independent journalism addresses itself to the judgment—the unbiased common sense, of the whole community. It appeals to the public as men, not as partisans, and endeavors to afford them the means of deciding upon the merits of the parties which respectively claim their support. It needs no party embodying and espousing its views in order to give them effect;—they carry by their own merit to individual minds whatever weight they may deserve, and their results must be sought much more in the general tone of thought of the whole community, than in any special action of any political party.

Any journal attempting to assert such a general vigilance of criticism over other parties, will be judged by each according to the temporary effect produced upon its own feelings and its own fortunes. When the Times, for example, commends the object and purpose of the Union Meeting, it is denounced by the *Tribune* and encouraged by the *Express*:—when it censures the party aims and narrow views which threaten to control and belittle that movement, the *Express* accuses it of inconsistency. When it denounces Southern ultraism to-day, it is accused of Abolitionism:—when it visits equal censure upon Northern extremists to-morrow, it is charged with courting Southern favor and abandoning its former views. This is unavoidable, and springs from the inability of party organs and party men to conceive it possible that either newspapers or individuals should accomplish anything for the public good except through the machinery in which they themselves move. We are quite prepared for such censures, and are entirely fearless of their effect. We propose, in our discussion of political matters, to express the opinions of the Times, and not merely to echo those of any party or any section. We know that the field of public sentiment is at all times quite large enough to find abundant work for at least one independent laborer. And it certainly is not by the present aspect of our political affairs that we are to be driven from this conviction. Neither of the two "parties which now," according to the *Courier and Enquirer*, [illegible] by which it [illegible] to abide" as [illegible] discourage independent men from exposing the infatuations and laying bare the weaknesses of each. The organization of each is broken and imperfect; the platform of each is yet to be reconstructed before any great number of men, disposed to judge for themselves of their public duties, can lend an unqualified support to either. Neither can point to any representative statesman who avowedly embodies a political creed on which the whole party is prepared to agree. With the gravest questions of social and political economy rising urgently up before us in the immediate future, we propose to stand more resolutely than ever to our determination of looking at these questions with our own eyes, judging them with our own mind, and addressing ourselves directly to the public, with no reference whatever to party hopes or fears, and no assistance to ask from party machinery.

The Central Park in Winter.

The promise, or, if our readers please, the menace, of a thorough, emphatic snow storm, has been hanging over us just long enough to give a special zest to the preparations which are making at the Central Park to convert that noble pleasure-ground of the people into a true Winter Garden of the most delightful kind. With nearly five miles of broad, smooth, well-built roads thrown open to all decent and well-behaved comers, and winding, with a constant regard to the pleasing and the picturesque, over the skillfully varied and tastefully undulating surface of the Park, the lovers of rapid motion, crisp, wintry, sparkling air and merry bells, will find the first genuine snow-fall of the season the summons to a sleighing-carnival such as New-York has never before known.

Broadway, after a snow-storm, has long been ranked by travelers with the Roman Corso and the promenade of the Champs-Elysees, as one of the "things to be seen," and it is not to be denied that the physiognomy of our great City artery at such times is one of the most gay and striking spectacles in the world. But Broadway, even at the top of its most mirthful moments, is after all a business street, and the throngs which pour through it must always lack something of that wholesome and refreshing atmosphere of high animal spirits which belongs to a pure festivity, and the need of which in the midst of our hard-working, eager, enthusiastic community, has been so long admitted and so much bewailed by all reflecting men. Then, too, a hundred causes conspire to make sleighing in Broadway almost as much of a toil as of a pleasure. The snow, though it fall never so thickly, and on never so tempting a level, is sure to meet with rough usage enough to depreciate its value as a roadway very fast. The sidewalks must be cleared away for the foot-passenger, and great mountains of coagulated snow are accordingly heaped from either side into the carriage-way. Heavy cart-wheels crush it into ruts; diligent crossing-sweepers cut channels across it down to the bare stone; the subterranean fires of the great steam-world which burns and throbs under half the City insensibly melt it away, and in the course of twenty-four hours the white garment of the Winter becomes a draggled abomination, odious to pedestrians, charioteers and policemen alike.

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The Comic Herald.

Thoughtless people are very apt to complain that no comic journal, like *Punch* or *Charivari*, has ever succeeded in establishing itself in this goodly land. It is not worth while to discuss the abstract question whether such a journal be or be not a desirable addition to a national literature, for we already have one, as the natural desire may, "in our midst," and a more comical one than Douglas Jerrold or Mark Lemon ever dreamed of. The New-York *Herald*, whenever it rises from its natural field of personal vituperation into a discussion of general matters, is invariably more funny than the cleverest caricature of H. B. himself. What could be more deliciously humorous, for instance, than the discovery which the *Herald* has recently made that the well-known back-dramatist, Mr. D. Bouricicault, is really a missionary from Exeter Hall? The conception of the author of "London Assurance," clinched with Lord Shaftesbury, over a plot for the subversion of the "peculiar institution" of the South makes Jo Miller a proxy political economist in the comparison. Then in the realm of art, to which the *Herald* has recently addressed itself with [illegible] assiduity, it has thrown the "Fudge Papers" entirely into the shade. It draws great auguries of good for our young American artists from the consideration that the "golden age of painting" ranged "from the Thirteenth to the Fifteenth Century," when "all Italy was free and republican," and cites in proof of this brilliant assertion the following unprecedented list of names: "Then flourished Titian, *Teniers*, Michael Angelo, Andrea del Sarto, Correggio, Tintoretti, Guido, Leonardo da Vinci and others, who made fair Italia" forever famous.

As every one of these illustrious artists "flourished" in the *Sixteenth* Century, with the exceptions of Guido, who died in the middle of the *Seventeenth*, and the two Teniers, who were not only born and lived some nine hundred miles beyond the borders of "fair Italia," but died, the elder in the same year with Charles I., of England, and the younger in the happy reign of William and Mary, it must be owned, we think, that the *Herald's* fun far surpasses that of

"Cæsar, Nebuchadnezzar, Ptolemy and Moses,
All standing naked in the open air."

Our Southern friends will see that they must not allow themselves to be too severely quizzed by this jocose sheet. It will never do to take the *Herald* in earnest, because that would be to suppose it as ignorant and blundering as it really is light-hearted and facetious.

Congressional Debates.—The House of Representatives seems determined to exhaust all possible topics of discussion before it organizes, and it discusses them all with such coherency, connection, precision, and such evident enlightenment of everybody present, that the country will soon begin to look forward to the election of a Speaker with regret. It is not often that in an assembly of full-grown men, literally the *élite* of a great nation, each member has an opportunity of saying something about everything he can think of, without haste or precipitancy.

The great charm of the proceedings now going on at Washington, however, lies in the fact that nothing which occurs has any connection with anything which went before. On Monday, for instance, Mr. Kellogg said all his friends wanted to have a ballot for Speaker, and that in the meantime he would himself examine the condition of things, both at the North and the South; whereupon Mr. Maynard said the galleries were disorderly, and suggested that the oldest member be appointed Chairman of the House *pro tem.*; but this Mr. Stewart violently opposed, inasmuch as Sherman had recommended Helper's book, and he would not vote the plurality rule, and the "Union meetings" amounted to nothing, and all sections had rights in the Territories under the Dred Scott decision. At this point Mr. Kilgore desired to know if Mr. Stewart would rise in insurrection if a Republican were elected President, and put other questions which he (Kilgore) was ready to answer for Sherman. This caused Mr. Haskin, of New-York, to remark that the editor of the *Constitution* was an Englishman, and that the Administration had treated him badly. Mr. Florence then said that there were no frauds committed in the Pennsylvania Navy-yard. Upon this Mr. Hickman vindicated his own conduct in the year 1858, and Mr. Gartrell, of Georgia, inquired who was to prevent the Union from being dissolved.

We do not profess to give in this summary all that these gentlemen said, but the leading points were unquestionably about as coherent as the above, and quite as creditable to the good sense of the body in which this remarkable debate occurred. Congress is at present just the place for any man to say what will nowhere else be listened to, and to ventilate topics which anywhere out of Congress would be voted a bore. If the election of the Speaker be postponed much longer we shall have a full and explicit account of every member's opinion of himself and his views touching the state of the country, the character and antecedents of his principal enemies, and the life and times of John Brown. All this will probably be useful a hundred years hence, but at the present rate of remuneration it is unquestionably expensive.

Southern Decency.—The Virginian papers, we believe, take considerable pains in the interest of Southern society, to avoid publishing advertisements of Abolitionist books and newspapers. What if they extend the rule to private advertisements of subscriptions to reward anybody who will assassinate certain citizens of the United States, designated by name, and under no legal ban whatever. We know that these absurd offers excite nothing but the disgust of sensible people, but this does not make them in the least degree less objectionable. The offer of a reward for people's heads by private or political enemies, is either a very repulsive joke, or a very brutal expression of hate, and in either case, common decency, to say nothing else, demands its exclusion from the columns of any respectable paper. If our Virginia cotemporaries think this sort of thing is funny, we can only wish them better notions of humor; and if they think it serves the South, we wish them a better cause.

[illegible] Government. You must submit to whatever comes. If you believe in the absolute right of revolution, you can begin your insurrection when you please and tumble things down generally. Cromwell, Vicomte Dundee, believed the Parliament slaughtered the Covenanters as if they were dogs because they believed in the Lord more than the King. Balfour of Burley believed the Lord and killed the Archbishop of St. Andrews, without mercy. On this much disputed subject of loyalty to Government, our friend Cobden has been discoursing, at the little town of Lebanon—where, if you New-Yorkers had happened to be present, you would have been better pleased and learned more than at a dozen of your sky-scraping lecturers—where madmen like Phillips, transcendentalists like Emerson and the little poetasters and sciolists amuse the multitude. It is a great consolation to me, who live in the backwoods of Ohio, that God never localized mind. It is like the air—free; and wherever grass grows and water runs among human habitations, it will peep out from the humblest dwellings. It is my experience in this way which has given me a firmer conviction of the capacity of the people to govern themselves, and of their ultimate right of revolution. Mr. Cobden, as you may know, is a man of reading, and you may easily infer has burnt the midnight lamp, not over Rousseau and Hawkes—of which brotherhood, by the way, little—but over the long record of human history, and when I read the report of his speech, I greatly admired how he had, without making a single quotation, spread out the woven warp of history to support his theory of American conservatism. He traced the power of the priests, the Divine Right of Kings, the Divine Ordinance of Government, the substitution of the People for the King, and the consequent Christian duty to obey the ordinances of Government; and of course proved that John Balfour and John Brown were most maliciously wrong. I grant it. But, is anything proved? Is not the main question entirely left out of view? I want to ask Mr. Cobden, and other learned lawyers well versed in history, one to two searching questions. Is it not blasphemy from that all the usurpations of Governments have been brought about under the forms of law? Were not the imperial Cæsars regularly *elected* consuls? Was not your excellent friend, Mr. Thiers, Louis Napoleon *elected* Emperor of the French? Is not the Pope elected by the cardinals, and the whole Papal power deduced from the councils elected by the churches? Was not Lafayette tried by law? Was not the tea tax levied by act of Parliament? The question is not whether we owe obedience to a lawful Government, but what is lawful in the view of a Christian as well as an American. Suppose that Slavery so far influences this Government that the Supreme Court decides that, as slaves are property, they can be held anywhere within the United States, (and you will allow me to say that I cannot see why that is not as plain a deduction from the Constitution as that they can be held in the Territories,) and, in consequence of that decision, slaveholders bring them into Ohio,—have we any right to resist that, or must we submit to the forms of law? According to the conservative doctrine, we must submit, because the Supreme Court says so. I can tell you what will be the fact. They will be driven out with the bad word, and it will be the last usurpation of that kind attempted under the form of national law.

A month or two since Judge Whiteman, of this State, decided that the mortgagees of a railroad cannot sell the *franchises*—that is, the incorporated powers of the company—but could only sell the *materials* of the road, if anything. Indeed, he went so far as to doubt the power of the mortgagees to sell anything. A year or two since the Court, at Sandusky, decided exactly the reverse, and the practice of the courts now is, to give unlimited power to the mortgagees. I doubt whether either decision is wholly correct. An act of incorporation is an act of the State, for the public benefit only, and I cannot see how this public privilege can be mortgaged, like private property. I think the mortgagees have no rights to anything but the road itself. It does not follow that because the companies have been in

CITY INTELLIGENCE

Fire Department Funds.—At the usual [illegible] of the Commissioners of the New-York Fire Department, the annual report was read, showing that the Relief Fund of the Fire Department now amounts to $97,256, invested as follows: $97,500 in [illegible] and mortgages, and $756 in the Manhattan Bank. As the last annual report there was a balance to the credit of the Fire Department of $1,294 [illegible] than the sum of $49,291 56 has been received [illegible] which makes an addition of $2,000 to the Relief Fund; leaving a balance in the Bank of New-York of $3,225 52. Although the business has been larger than usual, nevertheless, the Trustees do not deem it prudent to make any further [illegible] to the permanent fund. The coming year will make demands upon the fund for the support of the pensioners, coal, shoes and [illegible], and it was deemed advisable to be in a measure ready to meet applications for assistance. The Insurance Company the Fire Department received their usual annual donation of $2,000. From the New-York Fire Department received for the first time, a donation of $2,000. [illegible] the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company [illegible] the Firemen's Fund [illegible] the [illegible] of the Fire Department [illegible] and [illegible] the Firemen's Fund [illegible] the Firemen's Fund [illegible] the Firemen's Fund

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—SITUATION, A REAL [illegible] of the greatest importance to [illegible] during the holidays; to every family [illegible] children's nurse, [illegible] good only call at MANNING'S, No. 10 Tillary-st., near Jay-st., down from Fulton-st., opposite the post of police every first-class servant in Brooklyn. [illegible] only excellent ones from Europe, who have served [illegible] families there.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT [illegible] cook; understands her business [illegible] Apply at No. 38 East 12th-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY A RESPECTABLE [illegible] girl, and as chambermaid [illegible] Also, by all large [illegible] Twenty first-class Protestant [illegible] special situations.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT [illegible] a situation as cook by the day or week; [illegible] her business perfectly in all its [illegible] sauce, and deserts of every kind [illegible] and no objection to a genteel boarding [illegible] Call at No. 13 Amity-place, front basement [illegible] York. To be seen until engaged.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RESPECTABLE girls; thoroughly understand their business; [illegible] chambermaid and seamstress; would assist [illegible] They refer to their present employers. [illegible] West 34th-st., between 6th and 7th ave. [illegible] of their leaving is the family is going [illegible] two days.

WANTED—BY A COOK, WHO HAS LIVED [illegible] twenty-five years in England, a situation [illegible] family; is competent to take full charge of the [illegible] satisfactory City and country given. Apply for one [illegible] at No. 107 East 12th-st., between 2d and 4th ave.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS A FIRST-CLASS [illegible] understands all kinds of family cooking and [illegible] Can be seen at No. 134 West 13th-st., near [illegible]

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT [illegible] a situation as the best cook, who understands [illegible] is willing to assist in the washing if required, and [illegible] City and country references. Call at No. 75 West 27th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., opposite the plumber's.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED PROTESTANT [illegible] a situation as cook in a private family; [illegible] a first rate bread and pastry baker; understands her business; would assist with the washing and ironing. Good City references. Call at No. 65 East 15th-st., in the store, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG WOMAN, as a first-class cook; understands all kinds of cooking, pastry, game and pastry; is an excellent baker; willing to assist with the washing if required; best of City references. Apply at No. 1,280 Broadway, near 32d-st., in store.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS TRIMMER and cook, by a competent woman; understands her business in all its branches; best City reference can be given. Call or address COOK, No. 63 26th-st., one door from 6th-av. Call for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A YOUNG GIRL, as nurse and assistant, or nurse and chambermaid, or chambermaid and sewing; has good reference. Can be seen for three days at No. 218 East 14th-st., New-York, second floor, front room. No objection to go into the country.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A cook's situation; is a first-rate baker and cook; understands her business; can produce the best City references; will assist in the washing and ironing. Inquire at No. 67 West 25th-st., in the rear.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, WHO will be found thoroughly competent for her duties, a situation as cook; is a good one; can assist in the washing and ironing; best City references. Can be seen for two days, at No. 68 7th-st., between 1st and 2d ave.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A FIRST-CLASS [illegible] and pastry cook; understands soups, jellies and game; with the best City reference. No objection to go to the country. Apply at Nos. 13 and 14 Bible House, 8th-st., between 2d and 4th ave., from 9 to 5 o'clock.

WANTED—BY A NEAT, TIDY GIRL, A SITUATION as general servant; makes bread; washes and irons well; does up linen in style; wages, $12; as good a reference as any; regular waitress. Call or address No. 210 East 23d-st., for two days. Good reference given.

WANTED—A SITUATION FOR A VERY RELIable girl, to cook, wash and iron, or to do general housework; is a girl not afraid of work, neat, economical in the kitchen, and an excellent washer and ironer; can be highly recommended. Apply at No. 58 Atlantic-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION, BY A RESpectable woman, who thoroughly understands her business, and is capable of taking full charge of a gentleman's kitchen. Has good testimonials, and refers to former employers. Apply at No. 149 Grand-st., up stairs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A MIDDLE-AGED English woman as nurse; can take the entire charge of an infant from its birth, and bring it up by hand; good City reference. Apply at No. 426 6th-av., between 25th and 26th sts., room No. 10, fourth floor. To be seen for three days.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, WHO can give good references, a situation in a family as lady's maid, or to take care of children; understands dressing to the machine and taces, and dressing hair; is a nice seamstress. To be seen at No. 128 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS LAUNDRESS, chambermaid, and laundress, or as cook, washer and ironer, by a young woman who perfectly understands her business; has good references. Apply at No. 7 12th-st., near Broadway.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXPERIENCED cook, who is a most excellent baker and pastry cook, and understands all kinds of desserts. Best of City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 290 West 31st-st., second floor, front room.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant German woman; is an excellent cook and baker; would be willing to do plain washing if required. Apply at No. 139 West 24th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young woman, in a small private family as a good cook, washer and ironer; has good City reference of five years from her last place. Can be seen for two days, if not engaged, at No. 19 West 31st-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RESPECTable Irish girls, sisters; one as cook and the other as chambermaid and to assist in the washing and ironing; prefer to go to the country; can be seen for two days at No. 220 Mulberry-st.; have the best of references.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTable young woman, as chambermaid and waitress; can come well recommended by City families. Can be seen after 10 A.M., still engaged, at No. 135 Crosby-st., near Houston.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG GIRL a situation as nurse and seamstress; is fully competent and can cut and fit children's dresses in the neatest style, and do all kinds of sewing. Call at No. 246 West 26th-st., up stairs. Best references can be given.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY AN AMERICAN woman, in a respectable family, as housekeeper or child's nurse; the best of references given from last place. Call for two days at No. 171 West 31st-st., third floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG GIRL as chambermaid or waitress, or to take care of children, and make herself useful. Apply at No. 118 East 15th-st., second floor, front room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK, BY A middle-aged woman, willing to assist in the washing and ironing; understands pastry. Has good City reference. Apply at No. 423 3d-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, A situation as cook in a respectable family; good City references given; is good at washing and ironing. Call at No. 123 West 19th-st., first floor.

WANTED—BY A WELSH PROTESTANT GIRL, A situation as chambermaid, or to assist in the washing and ironing. Call for two days at No. 219 2d-av., between 19th and 20th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young girl; is a competent waitress. Best City references given. Apply at No. 36 East 12th-st., between Broadway and 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young woman as cook, washer and ironer. Can come well recommended from her last place in Brooklyn. Call at No. 164 Court-st., corner of West Baltic.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS MATRON IN A boys' boarding-school or charitable institution; the highest testimonials given; no objection to go South if the salary be good. Address, for two weeks, MATRON, Box No. 141 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WET NURSE BY A respectable young woman. Can be seen at No. 94 23d-st., between 6th and 7th ave. Has good references.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS THOROUGH cook and laundress; is willing to do hard work; wages $8 a month. Call at No. 244 29th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS THOROUGH COOK and laundress. Call at No. 244 29th-st.

DRESSMAKER.—A FASHIONABLE DRESSmaker wishes to go out by the day. Call at No. 1 Garden row, corner of 6th-av. and 11th-st.

A COMPETENT DRESSMAKER, WHO has had 9 years experience; would like to work by the day or at home. Best of references given. Call or address Mrs. T., No. 211 Waverley-place, for three days.

ALL FAMILIES WANTING GOOD SERvants—German, Irish, Scotch, English, &c.—call at the INSTITUTE AND HOME OF DOMESTICS, No. 128 13th-st., corner of 6th-av. This extensive place has abundance of girls, capable help to suit all, at moderate wages. Conducted by a respectable American lady. Call and see.

GOOD FEMALE AND MALE FRENCH, Germans and other servants, at Mrs. 13 and 14 Bible House, 8th-st., between 2d and 4th ave.; also, first-class French and other cooks. French, German and Italian language spoken. A lady in attendance.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the grocery business in the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., under the name of J. GARRISON & CO., is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. JOHN GARRISON. Brooklyn, Dec. 9, 1859. GEORGE T. BALDWIN.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

MALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN AND gardener in a private family in town or country, by a steady, reliable English Protestant man, of long experience in London and six years in New-York; he thoroughly understands the care of horses, carriages and harness; is a safe, careful driver, as his references, which are in the country, will testify. Address C. H., at Mr. Lowry's seed store, No. 352 Broadway, between 31st and 32d sts., or Box No. 210 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—BY A STEADY MAN, A SITUATION AS coachman; thoroughly understands his business; left his last place in consequence of his employer selling his horses; has good careful City driver; would be willing to make himself generally useful. Can be highly recommended from his last employer. Address [illegible] Box No. [illegible] Times Office, until engaged.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN OR [illegible] by a young single man of long experience in the care and management of horses and this country; has most competent groom and trusty driver; [illegible] City references for capability, sobriety and integrity. Address can be left at No. 664 Broadway, for F. C.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISHMAN, WHO THOROUGHLY understands his business, a situation as waiter in a private family. Has good City references from his previous employers. Call or address C. D., care of Jas. Cochrane, No. 199 East 12th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER, BY AN active and competent young man, who perfectly understands his business; having good City reference and is willing to make himself useful. No objection to any part. Can be seen, or address E. B., No. 159 Grand-st., for three days.

WANTED.—A WAITER MAN WANTS A SITUAtion in a private family; is a Protestant, and has the best of City references, and has lived with the best families in Europe. Can be seen for two days at Mr. Morris' grocery store, corner of 12th-st. and University-place.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY, by a respectable young Protestant Englishman; as coachman and to assist with gardening; will be found generally useful; has the best of City references from his last employer for honesty, sobriety and faithfulness. Apply, for two days, at No. 1040a 3d-av.; near 52d-st.

WANTED—A WAITER'S SITUATION IN A PRIvate family or first-class boarding-house, or would wait on an invalid gentleman, by a single young man, an Episcopalian, with good City reference from last employer. Inquire at No. 142 26th-st., between 2d and 3d avs., in the store.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY A single man, thoroughly capable of taking charge of a green-house and property, with first-class recommendations. Apply to J. G., care of Thompson & Co., 15 John-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG SINGLE MAN, (SWISS,) with good references, a situation as porter, waiter, or to travel with a gentleman or family to any part they wished. Address L. M., Box No. 163 Times Office.

TO THE BENEVOLENT.—WANTED, EMployment by a middle-aged man, who has a family dependent upon him for support; is active and energetic, and well acquainted with office and out-door work; can give unexceptionable City references. Address, for one week, R. W., Box No. 121 Times Office.

SITUATION AS BOOK-KEEPER WANTED—By a graduate of the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburgh, Penn. Good reference given; five years' experience in the grocery and provision business. Address BOOK-KEEPER, Box No. 188 Wilkesbarre Post-office, Penn.

COLLECTOR'S SITUATION WANTED—BY A Co young man who has seven years' experience in the collecting business and is familiar with all its duties. The best references can be given. Address H. F. T., Box No. 130 Times Office.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO SECURE the services of a young man for writing evenings, can do so by addressing C. J. T., Box 140 Times Office.

HELP WANTED.

ASSISTANT BOOK-KEEPER WANTED—In a domestic commission-house—a young man about twenty years of age, who can bring good testimonials as to character and capacity. Salary moderate. Address Box No. 446 Post-Office.

WANTED—A GERMAN COOK WITH GOOD REcommendations, for a private family. Apply at No. 23 8th-st., near 4th-av., between 10 and 12 o'clock.

WANTED—AGENTS TO CANVASS FOR SOME of the most popular works ever published in this country. Address S. CLOUGH, Providence, R. I.

ONE OR TWO EXPERIENCED SALESMEN wanted, who can sell a large amount of dry goods to near retailers exclusively; a house now doing that trade. Address TRADE, Box No. 735 Post-office, New-York.

A. T. STEWART & CO.—WANT TWO THOROughly experienced salesmen for their Retail Linen Department.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

BOARDING.—A SMALL PRIVATE FAMILY, with more room than they require, would like to let handsomely furnished rooms, with board, to one or two gentlemen and their wives; location, West 33d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.; house modern style; genteel neighborhood; convenient to cars and stages. Address D., Station E Post-office.

BOARDING—A LARGE PARLOR AND BEDroom to let with board, either together or separate; also, a small room suitable for a single gentleman. Best of references given and required. Apply at No. 220 West 22d-st., Boorman Terrace, between 8th and 9th avs.

BOARDING.—A PLEASANT PARLOR AND BED Room may be obtained at Mrs. AUSTIN'S, No. 74 East 14th-st., near Union-square; also, single rooms. Dinner at 6 o'clock.

BOARDING.—PLEASANT ROOMS, WITH FULL or partial board, at No. 186 Stanton-st., opposite St. John's Park, for a gentleman and wife, or two or three gentlemen. References exchanged.

BOARDING—WANTED BY A MAN AND WIFE, (no children) in some genteel neighborhood, not far distant from Broadway. References given and required. Address Box No. 1,448 Post-office.

BOARDING—FOR FAMILIES OR SINGLE GENtlemen, at Nos. 45, 47 and 49 East Broadway. E. BOUTON.

BOARDING.—BEAUTIFUL FRONT ROOMS, just vacated, to let, with board, in a first-class house, at No. 130 Madison-av.

BOARD.—THE WHOLE OF THE SECOND floor, 5 rooms, of No. 12 Lamartine-place, 29th-st., between 6th and 9th-avs., to let, to one or two small families, handsomely decorated and furnished; terms very moderate. Inquire as above.

BOARD IN BROOKLYN.—THE ADVERTISER will let, with board, to an agreeable gentleman and wife, a couple of nice rooms on second floor. Has no other boarders. House contains all modern improvements, and is pleasantly located in Sackett-st., within four minutes' walk of either cars or ferry. Address B. T., Box No. 216 Times Office.

BOARD IN BROOKLYN.—A GENTLEMAN and wife, or single gentlemen that will room together, may find a pleasant home for the Winter, convenient to Fulton or Wall-st. ferries, by applying at No. 87 Hicks-st., corner of Pineapple. References required.

BOARD IN BROOKLYN.—PARTIES WISHBing to secure rooms for the Winter, can be accommodated on favorable terms at No. 70 Sandsst. The house is large and pleasant and contains all modern conveniences. Dinner at 6 o'clock. References required.

WANTED—IN BROOKLYN—FULL BOARD IN A private family for a gentleman, wife and two daughters. Would require two rooms communicating, one of which must be a front room. Address Y., Box No. 2,563 New-York Post-office.

FURNISHED ROOMS WITH FIRST-CLASS board, may be obtained by immediate application, at No. 45 East 21st-st., between Madison and 4th ave. Parlor and hall room $18 per week, large front room, third floor, $12, for two, fire and gas included; one single room $3. Bath, hot and cold water; dinner at 6 o'clock. References exchanged.

ROOMS TO LET AND BOARD FOR THE WINTER—By an old widow lady, quite alone. Can spare a furnished parlor and bedroom, with grate; also a few small rooms separate, and board for the Winter; the chief object is also genteel company for company. This is no boarding house. Call, for a few days, on second floor of No. 264 9th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

PARTIAL BOARD.—ONE OR TWO GENTLEmen can obtain a neatly furnished bedroom, with gas and bath; price, $3 50 each per week; location below 4th-st., west side; references exchanged. Address E. P., Box No. 120 Times Office.

PRIVATE BOARDING.—A GENTLEMAN AND lady can be accommodated with furnished front rooms; also single gentlemen. No. 220 West 30th-st., between 6th and 9th avs.

SUITE OF ROOMS TO LET WITH BOARD at No. 19 Union-square, (Broadway, above 16th-st.) This is one of the pleasantest locations in the City. Also, two single rooms. Dinner at 6. References given and required.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WOULD LET A large front room and bedroom on second floor, well furnished, to a single gentleman, with or without board. House contains all modern improvements, and convenient to New-York Hotel. Address K., Box No. 161 Times Office.

NO. 143 EIGHTH-STREET—OPPOSITE THE Mercantile Library. Several pleasant and well-furnished rooms with board. References exchanged.

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS WITH OR WITout board, for a small family or single gentlemen, at No. 128 Lexington-av., between 31st and 32d sts. Persons of religious or strictly moral habits preferred.

PERSONAL.

HARMONIUM CLUB.—THE MEMBERS OF the above Club are requested to meet THIS EVENING, at Carberry's, the Shades, William-st., at 6 o'clock, punctually, on business. The Chair will be taken at 8½ o'clock, for Harmony, when members are allowed to introduce their friends. By order. SECRETARY.

PAINTS, OILS AND BRUSHES.

MINERAL OIL.—WARRANTED AS PERFECT a coal oil as any other in market for durability, brilliancy in burning, and all the qualities that make a first-rate article. This will be sold lower than usual prices. Barrels, 40 gallons. JOHN W. QUINCY & CO., No. 26 William-st.

AUCTION.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

SUPERB 18-CARAT JEWELRY.

E. & F. H. SCHENCK will sell at auction, on FRIDAY, 16th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., or immediately after the sale of Watches, at their salesroom, No. 32 Nassau-st., a large variety of elegant Jewelry, consisting (in part) of full sets of

BRACELETS, BROOCHES, AND EAR-RINGS, of DIAMOND, MOSAIC, CAMEO AND LAVA.
SUPERB FROSTED AND ENGRAVED BRACELETS, CHAIN DO.
RUBY AND DIAMOND DO.
FROSTED AND ENAMELED BROOCHES.
FINE FRENCH PAINTED DO.
LADIES' CHATELAINES, VEST CHAINS.
CLUSTER AND SINGLE-STONE DIAMOND EAR-RINGS, PINS, RINGS AND STUDS.

Also, a large assortment of

LONDON AND SWISS WATCHES.
LADIES' ENAMELED HUNTING AND OPEN-FACE DO.
GENTLEMEN'S HUNTING AND OPEN-FACE DO.

With a large assortment of other Jewelry.

Every article warranted 18-carat fine gold. The above will be on exhibition early on the morning of sale, and the public is particularly invited to examine it, as the goods are the finest imported, and such as have never before been offered at public sale.

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LARGE SALE OF 108 LOTS AND GORES ON

40th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 103d, 115th, 116th and 119th STREETS, 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th AVENUES, FRONTING ON AND NEAR CENTRAL PARK.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchant's Exchange—

On 1st-AVENUE—4 fine lots S. E. corner 100th-st.
On 100TH STREET—17 lots and gores, adjoining above.
On 40TH-ST.—7 lots and gores N. S. adj. above in rear.
On 3d-AVENUE—4 lots N. W. corner 50th-st.
On 50TH-STREET—6 lots N. S. adjoining above in rear.
On 41st-STREET—20 lots and gores N. S. 200 W. 9th-av.
On 42d-STREET—15 lots N. S., bet. 9th and 10th avs.
On 4th-AVENUE—4 lots W. S. bet. 115th and 116th sts.
On 115th-STREET—12 lots N. S. adjoining above.
On 116TH-STREET—6 lots S. S. adjoining above in rear.
On 103d-STREET—23 lots and gores, N. S. between 6th and 4th ave.

The above property comprises some of the choicest lots in the market, and is worthy the attention of buyers desirous of investing in Central Park lots.

SALE ABSOLUTE AND TERMS LIBERAL. Maps, &c., at No. 1 Pine-st., after the 9th inst.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

GREAT TRADE-SALE OF WATCHES.

Being the ENTIRE STOCK of one of our largest importing houses, by E. & F. H. SCHENCK, on FRIDAY, 16th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 32 Nassau-st. They consist in part of

FINE GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, Of every quality and style.
18-CARAT GOLD HUNTING CHRONOMETERS AND DUPLEX.
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OPEN-FACE DO., OF EVERY STYLE.

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A very large and magnificent assortment of LADIES' Hunting Watches, set with DIAMONDS, and superbly ENAMELED.

OPEN-FACE DO., with and without DIAMONDS, of all sizes, and in rich engraved cases, from the best makers in Europe.

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ELEGANT MADE-UP FURS.

On WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 15 and 16, at 11 o'clock, AT THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN FUR COMPANY, No. 339 Broadway.

Comprising the balance of the entire stock of superb made-up furs, valued at over $100,000, which must be positively closed out as above without any reserve, offering an opportunity to those in want of furs which seldom occurs. The stock comprises the richest Russian sable, Hudson Bay sable, mink, stone marten, royal ermine and other sets, gentlemen's and children's furs, sleigh, carriage and lap robes, &c., &c. Catalogues of which may be had at the dépôt, 339 Broadway.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom, 23 Nassau-st.

MAMMOTH SALE OF SUPERB MARBLE STATUARY, FANCY GOODS, &c.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, 14th, THURSDAY, 15th, and FRIDAY, 16th Dec., at 10½ o'clock each day, in the large and spacious salesrooms No. 623 Broadway, Southeast corner of Broadway and Spring-st., 2d story—Mammoth sale of superb Marble Statuary, rich Fancy Goods, &c., of every description, suitable for the coming holidays, comprising every style of rich goods to be found in the market, as well as recent importations, from France, Italy, Canton, &c. Among the Statuary will be found the following works of art from the collection of the Grand Duke of Tuscany: The Playing Child, by Barnzia; bust of the Emperor copied from the original in the Vatican; Antonino, Adriano, Cicero, Demosthenes, Caligula, Caracalla, &c.; Venus of Canova; busts of Venus, coupled from the ancient temple of this goddess in Athens. The Saviour, by Tenerani; Child Playing with a Dog, &c., by Baratta, Esculapius, purchased in Rome by an American sculptor, a beautiful antique; The Teaching Mother, by Marcheitti; Rebecca at the Well, by Fasachi; also works by Bienerval, Consani, Lazzerini, and others. Also, The Shepherdess, by N. Galletti; Madonna, by Delmedico; Angel of Death, by Meadows; Fisherman's Daughter, by Chiappa; Dog and Cat, by Cipistioni; Faith, by Pampolini. Also, busts, figures and groups by Franci, Ricci, Frangoni, Marochetti, Fortisi, and others, in great variety, suited for parlors and niches, as well garden statuary, vases, &c.

Also, just received from Canton and Japan, a large and valuable assortment of lacquered wares, viz., work-tables, cabinets, desks, boxes, game ditto, backgammon boards, inlaid ware, &c., &c.

Also, a very choice and elegant invoice of the richest French clocks, consisting of continued vases of large size, Bronze ditto, tête-à-tête sets beautifully painted, new style Bohemian glass, in every variety, vases, mantel ornaments, &c.; rich engraved glassware, dinner and tea sets, costly Parian, by Collier and others, of various sizes.

REAL ARTISTIC BRONZES—Several beautiful groups, figures, &c., some of which are of very large size. Real ormulu figures and groups, Berlin wares, and other articles of vertu, including a large assortment of real silver-plated ware of every description.

Also, just received by late arrivals from Italy, a complete and grand assortment of large marble carved vases, richly carved, from 2 to 5 feet high. Tazzas, Roman vases, carved marble, Hebe ditto, card receivers with swans and figures, mantel ornaments, jewel receivers, alabaster groups, figures, busts, &c., and an endless variety of these beautiful goods—with many other rich and fancy articles imported for the holidays. They can be examined on Tuesday previous to the sale.

Articles purchased can be packed on the premises, if required, for shipment.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.

LARGE AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF MAGNIFICENT LADIES' FURS, CARRIAGE ROBES, &c.

BY E. & F. H. SCHENCK.

At their salesrooms, No. 32 Nassau-st., THIS DAY and THURSDAY, Dec. 14 and 15, at 10½ o'clock A. M., a very large and very richest fur, manufactured the present season, of the finest skins, by one of the largest houses in the trade, expressly for retail trade. They comprise

REAL RUSSIAN SABLE, HUDSON BAY SABLE, MINK MARTEN, ROYAL ERMINE, all adapted for both ladies' and gentlemen's wear.

SCARFS, BOAS, MUFFS, CUFFS, VICTORINES, PELERINES, TALMAS, CAPS, GLOVES.

Also, an entire stock of a large variety of elegant SLEIGH, CARRIAGE AND LAP ROBES, among which may be found rich and well-trimmed ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOLF, VERY RICH GRIZZLY BEAR, WHITE POLAR BEAR, HUDSON BAY WOLF, Wolf Robes, set in with Black Bear.

Beautiful French Genet and Coon Lap Robes.

In offering this sale to the public, we would state that every article sold will be warranted by us to be exactly as represented, entirely fresh goods and free from moth. And we further give every purchaser the privilege to return, within three days after the sale, any article should it not prove to be so. The attention of the ladies is particularly invited to this sale.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom 23 Nassau-st.

SUPERB COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL MODERN PAINTINGS.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, at 11 o'clock, in our gallery, No. 23 Nassau-st., a superb collection of original modern paintings, comprising upwards of one hundred choice cabinet specimens of Art by living artists of celebrity, among which will be found a fine work by D. Huntington, N. A., with others, selected during a visit to the Art studios of England, Holland, Belgium, Germany and France; many of which, particularly those by Eugene Verboekhoeven, H. J. Boddington, Wm. Shayer, Sen., George Cole, Henriette Ronner and others, were painted to order expressly for this collection, including also numerous fine pictures selected for their beauty and merit, and without reference to cost, by J. F. Herring, Walter Williams, the younger Shayer, Bell, Smith, Harlow, Garland, Charlotte Bennett, Cole, Meadows, Eddy, Walker, and other artists of the English school; and of the Continental artists, specimens by Strobel of the Hague, Verheyden, Weisser of Dusseldorf, Schaep, Van Severdonck, Rosenboom, Carolus of Brussels, Delcour, Carabin, &c., &c.; the whole of which were selected in Europe by J. F. Beaumont, Esq., of this City, whose collections have for so many years enjoyed a high reputation. They may be viewed until the day of sale, with catalogue.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

40 MAGNIFICENT LOTS AND GORES ON 40TH-AV., 115TH AND 116TH STS., WITHOUT RESERVE.—A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 20, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:

On 40th-av.—5 fine lots N. E. corner of 115th-st.
On 115th-st.—1 fine gore N. S., 100 feet east from 3th-av.
Between 115th AND 116th STS.—12 gore lots, commencing 125 feet east of 8th-av.
On 116th-st.—9 lots, south side, 200 feet east 9th-av.
On 116th-st., (ADJOINING ABOVE)—13 fine gore lots.
On 116th-st.—10 fine gore lots, north side, near 7th-av. and adjoining Harlem lane.

The above property adjoins the beautiful grounds of the "Wood Estate," is a magnificent garden spot, of fine soil and good grade.

Title perfect and sale absolute.

60 per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage, if desired.

Maps, &c., at No. 1 Pine-st.

CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD, Auctioneers—Salesroom, No. 113 Nassau-st.

FORECLOSURE SALE.—CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD will sell on THURSDAY, Dec. 16, at 10 o'clock, on the premises Nos. 14 and 16 Amity-place, Laurens-st., the machinery, &c., of a piano-forte moulding factory, consisting of

One action machine, with tools complete.
One moulding-mill, with tools complete.
One dowel machine, with tools complete.
One saw-frame mandril, shaft, 4 saws, &c., complete.
Five iron pullies, 8 iron flanges, 1 counter shaft.
Three floor stands of iron, 8 pullies, lot of leather belting, tools, &c. BERNARD REILLY, Attorney for Mortgagee.

CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD, Auctioneers.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF SILKS, TASSEL AND FRINGE MATERIAL, &c.—CHAMBERS & FAIRCHILD, Auctioneers, will sell on WEDNESDAY, at 11 o'clock, Dec. 14, at their salesroom, No. 113 Nassau-st., a desirable stock of raw and spun silk, Chinese twist, tassel and fringe material, embroidery and sewing silks, &c., together with office furniture, safe, desks, &c.

Also, a large quantity of furs, sables, mink, martens, fitch, beaver, &c., consisting of capes, cloaks, mantillas, muffs, cuffs, fur coats. Also, a lot of beaver and otter coats. JOHN KELLY, Sheriff.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF PAPER HANGINGS.—On WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, 1859, at 10 o'clock, and on the following days, until all is sold, the entire stock of splendid FRENCH AND AMERICAN PAPER HANGINGS, belonging to the firm of Francis Fares & Co., at No. 336 Broadway, on six months' credit for approved paper for all sums over $100. Catalogues and the goods will be ready for exhibition on Monday, Dec. 12.

AUCTION SALES.

DANIEL A. MATHEWS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON 6TH AND 30TH STS.

BUTLER, SCHULTZ & MATHEWS, will sell at auction, FRIDAY, (Wednesday,) at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of HENRY E. DAVIES, Jr., Esq., Referee:

6th-st., 1 lot on the north side, 100 feet west of Avenue D, 25 by 98.10.

6th-st., 4 lots on the south side, midway between Ninth and Tenth ave., each 25 by 98.9 to Mr. [illegible] at the office of the Auctioneers, No. [illegible]

WM. WOOD, AUCTIONEER, WILL SELL AT THE [illegible] of a house: sofas, easy-rocking and other chairs, French-plate pier-glasses, carpets, book-case, lace curtains, glass chandeliers, beds, bedding, and other articles suitable for families and others.

A. S. RICHARDS, Auctioneer.

500 CASES BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS AT AUCTION.—By RICHARDS & WHITING, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, at the store No. 44 Cortlandt-st., comprising an excellent assortment of desirable Winter goods. Catalogues on morning of sale.

JOHN F. MONTGOMERY, Auctioneer.

400 CASES BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, at 10½ o'clock, at the store of J. F. DAVIS & CO., No. 56 Beekman-st., comprising a variety of [illegible]

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE NEAR THE HUDSON RIVER FOR SALE.—The homestead of the late John Tillott, Esq., will be sold on the premises, on 4th Jan. next, at 12 o'clock M., by an order of the Supreme Court, for the purpose of distribution among the heirs. It is situated in Dutchess County, two miles from the Fishkill Station on the Hudson River Railroad, and contains 320 acres of choice land, unusually well watered. The Matteawan or Fishkill Creek runs nearly a mile through the estate and affords many beautiful sites for building. There is a variety and abundance of fruit; a very pleasant mansion house, delightfully situated; and commodious stables, carriage houses, &c. The society of the neighborhood for intelligence and refinement, is not surpassed anywhere in the country. The surrounding country is not equaled in the Union in grandeur, beauty and adornment.

On the succeeding day, January 5, at 12 o'clock M., the estate of the late Peter J. Tillott, Esq., will be sold at the Orange Hotel, Newburgh. This property is situated two miles west of Newburgh, and contains one hundred acres of rich land. The buildings are commodious and in excellent repair; and the land is well fenced and in a high state of fertility. It is in a highly-cultivated and rapidly-improving section; and is a very desirable country seat.

Any further information can be had upon application to JAMES A. TILLOTT, Fishkill Landing, N. Y.; CALEB M. TILLOTT, Newburgh, N. Y.; JOB WRIGHT, No. 110 Broad-st., New-York; or JOHN P. GREEN, No. 132 Fulton-st., New-York.—Dated Dec. 8, 1859.

THOMAS GEORGE, Referee, Newburgh, N. Y.

PAPER MILL FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Is located in the town of Newtown, Queens County, N. Y., on the Macadamized road, 10 miles from the city of Troy. The mill is 38x68 feet, three stories high, built of wood, with good stone foundation; has 2 overshot water wheels, viz., one 15 feet in diameter, and the other 20 feet in diameter; 2 engines, with 60 in bars and cylinder washer; 1 rag cutter, 1 rag duster, 1 screw-press, 1 54-inch cylinder machine, with 2 iron cylinder dryers; 1 set of cutting knives, with 2 engines and 2 brass cylinders; 1 set of beaters, for making tissues and straw paper. There will be sold with the mill about 20 acres of land, (including what is under water in the pond,) also 2 dwellings, 1 storehouse, 1 barn and shed. The property is well located. Freight from Troy to New-York, $1 50 per ton. A supply of straw can be obtained in the vicinity and delivered at the mill; usual price $3 per ton. The property will offer a good investment for any person, with a moderate capital, and is offered at the low price of $4,500. Inquire of A. & W. ORR & CO., at their office, State Dam, Troy, N. Y., or of A. ORR, No. 41 Park-row, Times Building, Room No. 2, New-York.

BROWN-STONE AND BRICK HOUSES FOR SALE.—From $6,000 to $30,000, by S. EDDY & CO., No. 51 Liberty-st.:

One brick house, Clinton-place, near 5th-av.
One brick house, 9th-st., between 5th and 6th ave.
Two brown-stone houses, 18th-st., near 6th-av.
Two brown-stone houses, 22d and 24th sts., near Lexington-av.
Two brown-stone and five brick houses on 25th-st.
Two brick houses on 37th-st.
Five brown-stone houses on 29th-st.
Six brown-stone houses on 31st-st.
Nine brown-stone houses on 37th-st.

Also, elegant houses on 38th, 30th, 42d, 43d, 46th, 47th and 48th sts., near Lexington, Madison, 5th and 6th ave.

147 LOTS TO SALE—TOGETHER OR IN plots, by SAM'L EDDY & CO., No. 51 Liberty-st. opposite Post-office.

9 lots on 116th and 115th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
7 lots on 115th and 116th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
24 lots on 116th and 117th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
26 lots on 117th and 118th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
19 lots on 119th and 120th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
24 lots on 118th and 119th sts., between 4th and 5th ave.
24 lots on 5th-av., including 3 corners, near 116th, 117th, and 118th-sts.

IRON FOUNDRY RAILING SHOP, DWELling-house, and stable, for sale by private bargain, leasing the premises and lots Nos. 126, 128, 130, and 132 East 26th-st., between 2d and 3d ave. Also, all the fixtures, forges, steam-engine, cranes, patterns, tools, and stock, connected with the business. To a good man, with sufficient capital, this is a chance seldom met with, as a large business has been done on the premises for the last ten years, and can be successfully continued. Nearly one-half of the purchase money of the real estate can remain on bond and mortgage. Apply to HARNED & ROTHERY, on the premises.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FOR NEW-York property, a valuable farm of 90 acres in New-Jersey, two hours from New-York, five minutes' walk from railroad dépôt. There is upon the farm a very convenient house, ice-house, barns, carriage-house, cow stables, two tenant houses, a quantity of the choicest fruit. Situation most beautiful. For further particulars, apply to GEORGE H. SNOWHILL, No. 197 Greenwich-st. Other property for sale or exchange.

FOR SALE—COUNTRY RESIDENCES—AT ORange, N. J., within one hour of the City, in Llewellyn Park; it is a tract of 500 acres of land divided into building sites of from five to ten acres each, and enjoying the right to a private

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LAST CALL FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS—TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE FLOATING DEBT OF THE STATE.—The Commissioners of the Canal Fund, in pursuance of the act entitled "An act to amend the Revised Statutes relative to the State of New-York," passed April, 1857, hereby give notice that they will receive subscriptions for the Stock of the State of New-York, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October, in the City of New-York, and the principal reimbursable as follows: [illegible] on the first day of July, 1872, and nine hundred thousand dollars on the first day of July, 1877. It is to be understood that the Commissioners are to be at liberty to take a less amount, if the offers are not such as in their opinion are advantageous to the interests of the State. The proposals may be for the whole or any part of either of the stocks above mentioned, and shall be addressed to the undersigned, and shall state the sum [illegible] Proposals will also be received at the same time and place, for the same loan, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable quarterly as above specified, and reimbursable [illegible] above named, and the Commissioners of the Canal Fund will accept the whole or such portion of the [illegible] as shall seem most advantageous to the interests of the State. All proposals to be addressed to the undersigned, at Albany, and be left at the office of the Comptroller at Albany.

The money will be required to be paid five per cent. on the amount of the loan proposed, and the balance on or before the 20th of December next.

Subscribers can make the payments available in all parts of the world, through the House, Rothschilds, of Paris, London, Frankfort, Naples and Vienna, and their correspondents.

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NORTH AND SOUTH.

The Approaching Executions at Charlestown.

TESTS OF SOUTHERN OPINION.

CHARLESTOWN, Va., Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Extensive preparations are making for the approaching executions. Nineteen companies of military are now on duty, and guards are stationed at every street corner and cross-road. Picket guards [illegible] the surrounding country, and six more companies are announced as on their way here. The officers had difficulty in passing from one part of the town to another. They are brought to a halt and challenged at the guard-house if unable to give the countersign.

Green and Copeland will be hung at 11 o'clock in the morning, and Cook and Cerrio at 2 in the afternoon. All these men are composed, and look calmly on their approaching doom. Their bodies will be given to their friends, if claimed.

The town is quiet and unexcited by rumors. Military discipline is kept up, however, as if it were encompassed by a besieging army. The people look forward with great pleasure to exemption from military surveillance, and when the Civil Government is restored there will be quite a jubilee. The people discuss with some coolness that Stevens and Hazlett should spend the rest of their days in the Penitentiary, rather than have another military siege at their [illegible].

RICHMOND, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

A memorial has been presented in the Virginia Legislature, praying for the commutation of the sentence of Cerrio.

MUSIC IN AID OF JOHN BROWN'S FAMILY.

The pupils of the Colored Public School No. 2, in Laurens-street, performed the oratorio of "Joseph" last evening, in the Shiloh Presbyterian Church. The proceeds, it was understood, are to go to the families of John Brown and his associates. Prof. Lucs presided at the piano-forte. The Church was thronged with colored persons eager to see how the little girls acquitted themselves. Everything went off satisfactorily; the singing was good, and the audience appreciative.

LETTERS FROM COOK AND COPELAND.

The Cleveland *Morning Leader* publishes the following letters from the prisoners COOK and COPELAND:

LETTER FROM JOHN E. COOK.

CHARLESTOWN JAIL, Va., Dec. 9, 1859.

To the Editor of the Morning Leader:

DEAR SIR: I had the pleasure of receiving, yesterday evening, a copy of your interesting paper. In its perusal, I was somewhat surprised to see a copy of a letter which I had written to Mr. and Mrs. SELLAS, of Oberlin. When I wrote that letter, I had no thought of its ever being published. But, as I see some false statements in regard to my fellow-prisoners and myself, to which you have quoted from other papers, I am glad Mr. SELLAS took the liberty to give it publicity. I am also thankful to you *for the comment* you made upon those statements.

I will only say, such statements as have been made by the TIMES, in regard to my companions and myself, *are totally false. There has not been one single instance, in which I have fell, or shown any sign of fear or nervousness since I have been here. Neither has my comrade* CAPPIE, *since he has occupied the cell with me, shown any such weakness, or dread of death.* We both dislike the mode of death to which we have been doomed. But notwithstanding, *we are cheerfully and calmly awaiting our fate, and trust we shall meet it like men.*

I will frankly admit that on one or two occasions I have been agitated by the reception of touching letters from my wife and other relatives whose happiness is dearer to me, than my life. The doom that awaits me has not in the least affected my appetite, nor has it occasioned any loss of rest. I sleep as calmly here as I would if in my boyhood home.

I have made these statements because I deem it my duty to my fellow prisoner and myself to do so. By giving me an insertion in your paper you will greatly oblige. Yours truly,

JOHN E. COOK.

P. S.—I have just read in one of the papers published in this place, an account of the farewell scene between Capt. BROWN, CERRIO and myself. To show the falsehood of these reports, I *will state just what passed at this farewell interview.* Capt. BROWN came to my cell, and shook both CERRIO and myself warmly by the hand. He asked kindly after our health. He then said to me that he was sorry that I had made a statement that was not true; as I would only gain contempt by it. I asked him what I had said that was untrue. He told me that it was the statement which I had made, "That he had sent me to the Ferry." I told him *he most certainly did tell me to go there.* He said he had no recollection of anything of the kind; but that he remembered distinctly of telling me *not to go there.* I replied that I had a *good memory, and had not the slightest recollection of anything of the kind.* He remarked that he thought that my memory must be treacherous, then; but it would do no good to talk about that; but that if we had got to die, to meet our fate like men; that we had gone into a *good cause*, and not to deny it now. He then turned to CERRIO, and said that he had heard that he had made some false statements, but was glad to learn that *those reports were untrue. He then asked if he could do anything for us.* We answered in the negative. He gave CERRIO 50 cents, remarking that, as he owed C.'s mother $40, which he did not know as would ever be paid, that a little change might do him some good. *He then passed our hands cordially, and bade us a last farewell.* There was not a word present except Capt. *Avis, Capt. BROWN, CERRIO and myself. Capt. AVIS* will, I think, vouch for the truth of this statement, as will Mr. CERRIO. Please give this a place in your paper, and oblige Yours truly,

J. E. COOK.

LETTER FROM JOHN A. COPELAND.

CHARLESTOWN, Va., Nov. 26, 1859.

DEAR FATHER AND MOTHER: I now take my pen to address you for the first time since I have been in the situation that I am now in. My silence has not been occasioned by any want of love for you, but because I wished to wait and find what my doom would be. I am well at this time, and as happy as it is possible to be under the circumstances.

I received your kind and affectionate letter, which brought much consolation to me, and the advice that you have therein given me, I thank God I can say I have accepted, and I have found that consolation which can only be found by accepting and obeying such advice.

Dear father and mother, happy am I that I can now truthfully say that I have sought the holy Bible, and have found that everlasting life in its holy advice which man can from no other source obtain. Yes, I have now, in the eleventh hour, sought for and obtained that forgiveness from my God, whose kindness I have outraged nearly all my life.

Dear parents, my fate, as far as man can seal it, is sealed; but let not this fact occasion you any misery; for remember the cause in which I was engaged—remember it was a *holy cause*—one in which men in every way better than I am have *suffered and died.* Remember that if I must die, I die in trying to liberate a few of my poor and oppressed people from a condition of servitude against which God and His Word has hurled His most bitter denunciations, a cause in which men who, *though removed from its direct injurious effects by the color of their faces, have already lost their lives, and more yet must meet the fate which man has decided I must meet.*

If I must die, I shall try to meet my fate as a man who can suffer in the glorious cause in which I have been engaged, without a groan, and meet my Maker in heaven as a Christian man, who, through the saving grace of God, has made his peace with Him.

Give my love to my brothers and sisters, miserable indeed would I be if I came condemned in this jail awaiting the execution of the law for committing a just crime; but this not being the case, I must say, although I know you all will feel deeply the fate I am to meet, that I feel more deeply on account of the necessity of myself or any other man having to suffer by the existence of Slavery, than from the mere fact of having to die.

It is true I should like to see you all once more on the earth, but God willed otherwise; therefore I am content, for most certainly do I believe that God wills everything for the best good, not only of those who have to suffer directly, but of all, and this being the case, I beg of you not to grieve about me.

Now, dear parents, I beg your forgiveness for every wrong I have done you, for I know that I have not at all times treated you as I ought to have done. Remember me while I shall live, and forget me not when I am no longer in this world.

Give my love to all my friends. There are some little matters that I would give most anything to have settled and made right.

There has been misrepresentations of things which have said, and if I can I shall correct them.

Oh, brothers, I pray that you may never have to suffer as I shall have to do; stay at home contentedly, make your home happy not only to yourselves, but to all with whom you may be connected.

Dear brothers and sisters, love one another, make each other happy; love, serve and obey your God, and meet me in Heaven.

Now, dear father and mother, I will close this last, as at present I think the last letter, that I shall have the pleasure of writing to you.

Good-bye mother and father, good-bye brothers and sisters, and by the assistance *of God, meet me in Heaven.*

A respects your most affectionate son,

JOHN A. COPELAND.

FREE NEGRO LEGISLATION IN TENNESSEE.

REMONSTRANCE FROM JUSTICE CATRON.

From the Nashville (Tenn.) Union and American.

Nashville Union and American:

DEAR SIR: I have for several weeks past been anxiously waiting to hear what the views of your leading journal were on the bill pending before our Legislature proposing to enslave, or to drive from the State, the free colored population now among us. It provides that these persons shall be seized and sold to the highest bidder after the first day of May next, if they are adults—and that the children shall be bound out, &c.; the adults are allowed to emigrate to Africa, in which case some slight aid is to be furnished by the State to assist in their transportation; or, secondly, they may seek a master and go into Slavery.

Now, where are these people? There is not one in ten, I ventured, of them, to say the least, that ever has been a slave. Usually, their mothers, grandmothers, or great grandmothers were slaves, who were emancipated by masters for meritorious services, or from humanitarian motives, by the Courts of Justice, and according to law. They all have a vested right to freedom by the judgments and decrees of Courts. Under our Constitution of 1796, the free colored men voted at the polls. Then the old Constitution extended to them and protected their rights to a certain extent, free from doubt. But I pass by this question.

My objection to the bill is that *it proposes to consummate an outrage, to perpetrate an oppression and cruelty.* This is the plain truth, and it is idle to attempt words to soften the fact. Let us look the proposition boldly in the face. This depressed and helpless portion of our population is designed to be driven out, or to be enslaved for life; and their property forfeited, as no slave can hold property. The mothers are to be sold, or driven away from their children, many of them infants. The children are to be bound out until they are twenty-one years of age, and then leave the State or be sold, which means they are to be made slaves for life, in fact. Now, of these women and children, there is hardly one in ten that is of unmixed negro blood. Some are half-white; many have half-white mothers and white fathers, making a cast of 67½-100ths of white blood; many have a third crop, in whom the negro blood is almost extinct. Such is the unfortunate truth. This description of people who was born free, and lived as free persons, are to be introduced as slaves into our families, or in our negro quarters, there to be under an overseer, or they are to be sold to the negro-trader and sent South, there to be whipped by overseers, *and to preach rebellion* in the negro-quarters—as they will *preach* rebellion everywhere that they may be driven to by this unjust law, whether it be amongst us here in Tennessee, or south of us in the cotton and sugar plantations, or in the Abolition meetings in the Free States. Nor will the women be the least effective in preaching a crusade, when begging money in the North to relieve their children, left behind in this State, in bondage.

We are told that this "Free Negro Bill" is a popular, popular measure! Where is it popular? In what nook or corner of the State are the principles of humanity so deplorably deficient, that a majority of the white inhabitants would commit an outrage, not committed in a Christian country of which history gives any account. In what country is it, this side of Africa, that the majority have enslaved the minority—sold the weak to the strong, and applied the proceeds of the sale to educate the children of the stronger side, as this bill proposes? It is an open assertion that "might makes right." It is reopening the African Slave-trade in fact. In that trade, the strong capture the weak and sell them, and so it will be here if this policy is carried out.

All over the State, those who are responsible for passing the bill will have to contend with fearful public opinion, made up of all the women who have moral characters and religious feelings; backed by the clergy, and assuredly by a very large majority of the members of all the churches; for we must carry along with us the important fact that numbers of the people sought to be enslaved or driven out, belong to, and are members of our various churches and in full communion. That these great bodies of christian men and women will quietly stand by and see their noble coworkers sold on the block to the negro-trader, is not to be expected; nor will any set of men be supported, morally or politically, who are the authors of such a law.

Nor is this half the truth. Take all the Free States, and how will the matter stand? There, those staunch and upright men who are struggling to uphold the Constitution and laws, and to protect the rights of the South in the enjoyment of their slave property, will be met by our law; will be taunted before the million; will have it put to them squarely whether they sanction this cruel measure as part of the Southern creed—to wit: that all negroes, and those of negro origin, can be rightfully sold into Slavery, or driven from their children and the place of their birth, at the unrestrained will of the Southern white man? What Northern man that has manhood in him, will not exclaim, "I abhor such a law!" It cannot be otherwise than odious in the North.

If such a measure of persecution was the work of some new weak State, and this thing done in a corner, it would not be so bad; but Tennessee is a proud, successful community, that has for thirty years exercised a controlling influence in the affairs of the nation; she has made two Presidents; has long stood in the front rank of the great party that has governed the country so successfully for nearly sixty years, and therefore HER legislation may well be cited before Northern crowds, as declaring the sentiments of the South. I put it to any fair-minded man to say, whether this law, if it is passed, will not go far to *crush out* our friends in the North, and yet more strongly mark the *black*, sectional line between the Free and Slave States?

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. CATRON.

CONFLAGRATIONS.

DEPOSITORY OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY DESTROYED.

LOSS OVER $80,000—LIST OF THE INSURANCES—CARD FROM THE TREASURER.

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning the building on Spruce-street, occupied and owned by the American Tract Society, was discovered to be on fire. The first floor of the building, which is five stories in height, was occupied as a depository; the second, third and fourth floors were devoted to the bindery, and the fifth floor, on which the fire commenced, was used as the sheet or drying room. Two lads employed in this last department, soon after entering the room saw the flames break out from a pile of printed sheets, and immediately gave the alarm, but the large quantity of combustible material which was collected in the apartment allowed the fire to spread with such rapidity that in fifteen minutes, and before the firemen were able to get their apparatus fairly at work, the whole of the upper story was in flames. The fears entertained lest four heavy presses on the fifth floor might fall and cause serious destruction of life, and the fact that the fire was at first discovered in the rear of the building, operated to check the exertions which might otherwise have been put forth. Fortunately, however, the building was entirely separated from *the Nassau-street building, which is the Tract House* proper, by double walls and iron doors. These extra precautions, which were taken when the Spruce-street structure was first erected, enabled the firemen to confine the flames to the two upper stories of the building in which they broke out, so that the Tract House itself is intact. The water deluged the lower stories however, and ruined the large stock of books, bound and unbound, which was stored there. But a single item in this loss is the destruction of 400 complete sets of the Youth's Library, 70 volumes being comprised in a set. These are valued at $4,000. Three hundred persons, the majority of whom were girls, were employed in the building which was destroyed, but it is expected that employment will be found for the larger part of them in the main building, which remains uninjured.

The value of the stock which was destroyed was at first estimated at $75,000, but late last evening the Managers concluded that it would considerably exceed this sum. It is insured for $63,000, as follows:

Ætna, Hartford	$5,000	Market	5,000
Rutgers	5,000	Merchants	5,000
Norwich	5,000	Connecticut	5,000
North America, Phil.	2,500	Western, Mass.	5,000
Peoples	2,500	Farm	2,000
Lenox	3,000	Mechanics	3,000
Corn Exchange	2,500	Columbia	5,000
Broadway	2,500	Merchants', Boston	10,000
Springfield	5,000	American	5,000
Phœnix, Hartford	5,000	Total	$63,000

The building, which was damaged to the amount of $7,000, *was insured in the following companies:*

Ætna, Hartford	$3,000
Phœnix, Brooklyn	5,000

The building adjoining, No. 8 Spruce-street, was badly damaged by water. Messrs. SAYMOUR occupied the lower floors as a paper warehouse. They sustained a loss of about $500, which is fully insured. *The Scottish American Journal Office, on the third* floor, and J. SHARPE, book-binder, on the fourth floor, had their stock damaged to the amount of $3,000, on which there is no insurance. The steam engine *John G. Storm*, was ordered to the fire, but one of the axles broke *in front of the Harlem Railroad Dépôt* in Centre-street, and rendered the engine useless for the occasion. The steamer of Manhattan Engine Company, No. 6, was not at the fire, in consequence of injuries to the pumps, received at the late fire in Wooster-street.

The following card has been issued by the Assistant Treasurer of the Tract Society:

FIRE IN THE TRACT HOUSE.

The American Tract Society has met with what to human view is a sad calamity, in the destruction by fire on the morning of Dec. 13, of its rear building, with a large amount of books and sheet stock.

The fire originated in the drying-room in the upper story, but from what cause is as yet unknown; no fire being in any part of the premises except in the engine-room, in the sub-cellar under the open court.

The Society's main building stands uninjured, with its steam-engine and boilers, printing-presses, stereotype plates and engravings, salesroom and offices; so that the regular operations of the Society will go forward, though it may be difficult for a time to supply large orders for their books.

They would say to all subscribers to their periodicals, the *American Messenger, Child's Paper, and Botschafter, that these will be furnished without fail.* Subscribers need not hesitate to send their subscriptions for the coming year without delay.

While the insurance will perhaps cover the actual loss, it will require time and care and prompt remittances to put everything in efficient working order. We trust the true friends of the Society will come to its aid in this hour of trial.

O. S. KINGSBURY, Assistant Treasurer.

New-York, 150 Nassau-street, Dec. 13, 1859, 8 P. M.

P. S.—7 P. M.—It now appears that the loss to the Society will considerably exceed the insurance.

IN WORTH-STREET.

The Eighth District alarm last night, at 11 o'clock, was caused by fire reappearing in the coal in the yard of SAMUEL S. THORP, No. 105 Worth-street. ARCHIBALD GILLIES and J. B. BERVAIS, members of Engine Company, No. 32, were injured while going to the fire, by falling beneath the engine, in consequence of the slippery state of the pavement. The latter was taken to the New-York Hospital.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

SCIENTIFIC HISTORY OF THE CREATION.—Prof. DOERNUS delivered a lecture last evening in the Tabernacle on the "Scientific History of the Creation," commencing with the gaseous state, passing to the fluid and the present condition, illustrating different points by experiments, maps and charts; bringing to bear upon his subject chemistry, geology and astronomy. In each state of creation he quoted passages of Scripture referring to the same; as in the fluid state, "the earth was without form, and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep." That he considered a perfect description of the fluid state. He then described the process of the change to the solid by light, and illustrated the theory as to how the earth was formed into its present shape, and the flattening at the Poles—by oil and alcohol giving them a sufficient motion to form. The lecture was interesting and instructive, and was well received by a discriminating audience.

THE TENANT'S HOME.—The Second Anniversary of this institution, was celebrated at Flatbush on Monday evening. Mayor POWERS and several other prominent citizens of Brooklyn, were present, and expressed much satisfaction at the manner the institution has been conducted during the year by Mr. A. C. VANEPPS, the Superintendent. The average number of inmates is about 100, and in every instance, the discipline has proved beneficial. No more children can be cared for, with the present accommodations, and an effort is being made to erect a larger and more suitable building.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The Board of Representatives for the Western District have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: BENJAMIN WOOD, Jr., President; A. B. THORNE, Vice-President; WILLIAM BURRILL, Treasurer; JOHN G. GUNNING, Secretary; WILLIAM HASKINS, Collector.

RESIGNED.—HENRY HAGNER, Esq., having resigned the office of Corporation-Attorney, W. C. B. TRUMPTER has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

THE COURTS.—City Court Calendar for this day.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Supreme Court—General Term.—Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36.

From the River Plate.

PARTICULARS OF THE ARGENTINE VICTORY AT MARTIN GARCIA.

Our files of the *Correio Mercantil*, of Rio Janeiro, extend to Oct. 24.

They afford nothing of interest from the Capital of Brazil.

A correspondent writing from Montevideo, with the date of Oct. 17, gives the following account of the successful attack of Gen. URQUIZA upon the defences of Martin Garcia:

"On the 12th of October, the squadron of the Argentine Confederation, which had lain idling and shamefully inactive in the harbor of Montevideo, weighed anchor, and proceeded up the river. It consisted of four steamers, two sailing vessels, with 700 men and abundant munitions of war. On the 13th, at nightfall, the fleet anchored below the fortifications erected by the Government of Buenos Ayres at the canal adjoining the island of Martin Garcia, and which were supposed to be at once impregnable and impassable. Early on the following morning they prepared to force a passage, the *Salto*, (steamer,) with the bark *Conception*, leading the way, followed by the *Hercules, Pampero* and *Menay*, (steamers,) and the brig *Argus*. As the squadron approached, the batteries on shore opened a terrible fire, which was almost simultaneously answered from the six vessels. The principal fort was disabled in this first exchange of courtesies. The *Pampero*, by a round poured into the *Pontana*, caused tremendous slaughter. The second broadside from the same steamer, directed at the Buenos Ayrean brig *Rapid*, induced its commander to run his vessel ashore. The musketry of the *Pampero* did fearful execution among the escaping crew. In the meantime the *Hercules* and the brig kept up an incessant fire upon the enemy, causing serious losses. A shot from the land unhappily struck the hawser attaching the brig to the steamer; and during the interval necessary to renew the connection, the two vessels were exposed to a damaging fire; but returned it with unflagging courage. The *Salto* took a leading share in the conflict, aiding the others at all points, and the commander, officers and crew displaying the most daring valor. The forces on shore, as well as the crews of the *Rapid* and of the *Pontana*, suffered very severely. It is impossible to procure the names of the officers slain. The Argentine party lost the valiant captain of the *Pampero*, Lieut. Col. MAURICE, who was killed in the encounter with the *Rapid*. On board the *Salto*, a gunner was killed, and three men wounded. The losses on the other vessels, if any, must have been small, as no mention is made of them in our letters. The squadron has proceeded to Parana, officers and crew all craving an encounter with the fleet of the enemy."

Trans-Continental Telegraph.

TELEGRAPH FROM ST. LOUIS TO SAN FRANCISCO—ANOTHER LINE TO SALT LAKE.

Mr. CHARLES M. STEDMAN and his associates of the Western Union Telegraph Company, are engaged in a telegraphic enterprise of a magnitude which fully entitles it to be classed with the efforts which are being made to connect Europe and America. The above-named parties, with others on the Pacific side, have actually commenced, and are earnestly carrying forward the construction of a telegraph line from St. Louis to San Francisco, under the patronage of the New-York Associated Press, and the Presses in other cities connected with it, in the Atlantic States, and the San Francisco *Bulletin* and Sacramento *Union* on the Pacific side. The line on the East end has been completed for nearly three hundred miles West of St. Louis, on the route of the Overland Mail, and about two hundred and fifty miles on the West end from San Francisco.

The New-York Associated Press, and the *Bulletin* and *Union*, of California, have undertaken to pay the contractors a sufficient sum for semi-weekly reports of important news to justify them in going forward with the line a sufficient distance from each side to gain from two to four days over the mail; or, in other words, to place New-York and San Francisco within about sixteen or seventeen days of each other. *And there is reason to believe that other parties*, and perhaps the Government of the United States, will now come forward and give the contractors such assistance as will enable them to extend the wires through from city to city within the next year or two.

Arrangements have been made by the Associated Press to have a full summary of commercial and general *news from the Pacific prepared at San Francisco*, and dispatched by the semi-weekly Overland Mail, adding thereto at Los Angeles one or two days' later news from San Francisco; and at the arrival of the mail at or near Springfield, Mo., the wires will be connected through to New-York *via St.* Louis and Buffalo, a distance of upwards of 1,500 miles, and the news will be instantly transmitted through the agency of the Hicks Repeater—a new device by which land-lines may be worked in a single circuit any required distance—and given to the public through all the leading journals of the country, in the same manner and to about the same extent as the public have been served with European news from Halifax, Father Point, &c., &c.

Mr. STEDMAN and his associates are also building, under the patronage of the Associated Press, a line to Salt Lake, and it is already in good working order to Atchison, in Kansas. Special reporters for the Association are now on their way to central positions in that direction, and within the next few days, we, in common with the other leading journals of the country, will be in receipt of full and reliable reports from that important section of our country.

It is hardly necessary to add that these new arrangements for the benefit of our readers, involve very heavy expenditures, but no greater, perhaps, than the liberal patronage of the public requires at our hands.

The California line is now *open* to the public, and commercial dispatches can now be placed in the mail thirty hours after it leaves St. Louis—the tolls west of that city being one dollar for the first ten words, and ten cents per word for all over ten; and all the Tele*graph offices in the country now receive dispatches* for San Francisco.

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OVERCOATS AT EVANS'.

Handsome Black Cloth Overcoats	*$5 to 10*
Fine Black Cloth Overcoats	12 to 18
Esquimaux Beaver Overcoats	15 to 20
Moscow Beaver Overcoats	10 to 16
Blue, Black and Brown Castor Beavers	10 to 20
Fur Beaver Overcoats	9 to 12
Excellent Pilot Overcoats	6 to 12
Mixed Beavers, Cassimere, Melton and other Overcoats	4

66 At EVANS' 66 Fulton-street.

[Advertisement.]

KNOX'S Election Hats are in great demand to supply the numerous calls since the election. Every man of taste and fashion who bet on the result, wagered one of KNOX's best Hats, and the losers were as much gratified as the winners, in seeing their friends fitted with such Hats as KNOX exhibits for sale at his well-known hat-store, No. 212 Broadway, northeast corner of Fulton-street.

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PROFESSIONAL.

JOSHUA F. BRIDGE, M. D., offers his professional services at his rooms, in the Graefenberg Institution, No. 32 Park-row, New-York. *Irregularities and diseases of women, of every description. Consumption, chronic and malignant diseases*, (both local and constitutional,) are skillfully and successfully treated. Office hours, 9 to 1, and 3 to 4.

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For the water closet is an unequaled original production, and should be used alike by the sick and the healthy. It cures and prevents PILES. For sale by all druggists and at the depôts, No. 41 Ann-street and 560 Broadway.

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IVORYTYPES, a superb and appropriate style of picture for Holiday presents. Also Imperial PHOTOGRAPHS, MELAINOTYPES, AMBROTYPES and DAGUERREOTYPES.

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REMBRINO'S Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes, No. 251 Broadway, corner of Murray-street, opposite City Hall, New-York.

MARRIED.

BRAINERD—CLARKE.—On Monday, Dec. 12, by Rev. Dr. Lewis, Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, GEORGE W. BRAINERD, Esq., of this City, to MARGUERITE CLARKE, of Philadelphia.

CARTER—HERMAN.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, in Christ Church, Savannah, by Right Rev. Stephen Elliott, D. D., Bishop of Georgia, assisted by Rev. M. H. Henderson, D. D., of Athens, Ga., Mr. C. R. CARTER, of Savannah, to Miss JOSEPHINE HORNER, formerly of Elizabeth, N. J.

DIED.

FURMAN.—In this City, on Monday Dec. 12, CHARLES HENRY CLAYLIN, only child of Dr. G. and Elvira Furman, aged 1 months and 21 days.

The friends of the parents and the medical profession in general are respectfully invited to attend, without further invitation, the funeral from St. Luke's Church, Hudson-st., on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

HUSTACE.—In this City, on Monday, Dec. 12, EPHRAIM TRADWELL, son of Wm. Hustace, in the 16th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his father, No. 81 East 20th-st., this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

PARADISE.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 13, SUSAN DURAND, wife of J. W. Paradise, and daughter of Cyrus Durand, in the 45th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 338 West 28th-st., on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock.

SEYBERNBURGH.—In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 4, JEREMIAH W. SEYBERNBURGH, in the 65th year of his age. His remains were taken to Smithtown for interment.

BLOODGOOD.—In this City, on Sunday evening, Dec. 11, Mr. JOHN BLOODGOOD, in the 61st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also of his brother William and of his son John, are invited to attend the funeral, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 2½ o'clock P. M., from his late residence, No. 42 West 17th-st., without further notice.

☞ Mobile, Ala., papers please copy.

CROSBY.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, after a short illness, HARRIETT ASHTON CROSBY, wife of Wm. B. Crosby, in the 74th year of her age.

The funeral services will be held at the Market-st. Church, on Thursday morning, at 9½ o'clock, where the relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further or special invitation.

CONNAN.—In this City, on Monday evening, Dec. 12, after a short illness, JOSEPH CONNAN, merchant, of this City.

His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday morning next, Dec. 15, from the church of the late Dr. Alexander, corner of 15th-st. and 8th-av., at 9 o'clock, without further invitation. The remains will be taken to Paterson for interment.

YATES.—In this City, on Tuesday Dec. 13, Hon. GILES FORBA YATES, formerly of Schenectady, and at the time of his death in the Naval office, New-York Custom-house.

His friends and Masonic acquaintances are invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 1 o'clock P. M., from the residence of Dr. Adams, No. 73½ West 13th-st., corner of 6th-av.

☞ Schenectady and Albany papers please copy.

MARQUAND.—In this City, on Monday afternoon, HETTY PERRY, wife of Frederick Marquand, aged 58 years.

A funeral service will take place at No. 23 Bond st., on Wednesday afternoon, at 3½ o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. The remains will be taken to Connecticut, and the interment made from the Southport Congregational Church.

FRIDHAM.—In this City, suddenly, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from congestion of the brain, HENRY C. FRIDHAM, aged 52 years.

The friends of the family are requested to attend his funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 10 o'clock, from the Church of the Incarnation, corner of 28th-st. and Madison-av., without further invitation. His remains will be taken to Cypress Hills Cemetery for interment.

SMITH.—In this City, on Monday morning, Dec. 12, at his late residence, 124th-st., Harlem, GEORGE ROSS SMITH, in the 44th year of his age.

His relatives and the friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M., from the Episcopal Church, 127th-st., near 4th av., Harlem.

MARTIN.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, FRANCES EMMA, eldest daughter of John and Sarah A. Martin, aged 9 years and 3 months.

Notice of the funeral will be given in to morrow's papers.

HILLMAN.—In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, of scarlet fever, RACHEL ANNIE HILLMAN, daughter of G. W. and Mary Augusta Hillman, in the 4th year of her age.

CEMMERER.—In Brooklyn, on Monday evening, Dec. 12, at 9½ o'clock, GEORGE WILLIAM, infant son of Dr. W. H. and Cecilie Cemmerer, aged 10 months and 19 days.

MAYNARD.—In the City of Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 13, JOSEPH P. MAYNARD, in the 46th year of his age.

The friends of the family, and of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Jaggard, and of his brothers-in-law, John and Robert Jaggard, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, at St. Mark's Church, in Fleet-st., between Hudson-av. and Willoughby-st., on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 3 o'clock P. M.

HARRIS.—Suddenly, in Williamsburgh, on Monday, Dec. 12, MARY M. GRIFFITHS, wife of George W. Harris, aged 43 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Her relatives and friends of the family, also those of her father Griffith Griffiths, and are brother James Griffiths, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 2 Washington-place, at 1½ o'clock on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

THURSBY.—At Liverpool, England, Nov. 17, of consumption, JOHN B. THURSBY, aged 30 years 5 months and 18 days.

Funeral services on Thursday, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Rev. Mr. Meeker's Church, Bushwick-av. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice. Stages run to the church from Williamsburgh Ferries.

BRITTAIN.—On Monday, Dec. 12, at Newark, CHARLES BRITTAIN, aged 27 years and 3 months.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 13.

$16,000 Tenn. 6s, '90	88¾	5 N. Y. Cen. R.	80¾
3,000 Missouri S. 6s	83¼	100 do	b40 80¾
3,000 Erie 2d M. B.	80	200 do	b30 80¾
1,000 E. R 2d M. B	s30 80	100 do	s10 80¾
8,000 M. So. 1st M. B.	70	20 Erie Railroad	42
6,000 Ill. Cent. R. B.	94¼	233 Hud. Riv. R.	42
5,000 do	94¾	200 do	b60 42¾
4,000 H. & St. J. R. B.	60	200 do	42¼
1,000 do	61	100 Ill. Central R.	60¼
6,000 L. E. & W. 1st M. B	70	100 do	s15 59¾
30 Bank of Commerce	99½	25 Harlem Railroad	9¾
24 Amer. Ex. Bank	97	20 Stonington R.	70
10 Merchants' Bank	103¾	100 M. So. & N. Ind. R.	6¾
100 Reading R.	s60 41½	50 M. So. & N Ind G. S.	17¾
300 do	41¾	50 Panama R.	b34¼
40 Park Bank	109	50 do	s10 134¾
5 Del. & Hud. Can. Co.	96	150 Gal. & Chic. R.	b30 67¾
250 Pacific M. S. Co.	78	120 do	67¾
50 do	s30 77¾	50 do	b10 67¾
245 do	77¾	100 do	b60 67¾
100 do	77¾	150 do	s3 67¾
100 do	s10 77¾	6 Chic. & R. Isl. R.	64
50 do	b7 77¾	100 do	b60 64¾
30 New-Jersey Zinc	68	200 do	64¾
25 Milw. & Miss. R.	4	60 do	s10 64¾
12 Macon & West. R.	103	50 do	b30 64¾

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000 Missouri S. 6s	83¾	100 Hudson R. R.	b40 42¾
6,000 H. & R. 2d M.	100	100 do	s60 42¾
5,000 H. & R. 3d M.	s60 81	100 Cleve. & Tol. R.	19¾
160 Pacific M. S. Co.	78	100 do	b60 20
10 Chicago & R. I. R.	64¾	50 Harlem R. Pfd.	24¾
50 N. Y. Cen. R.	s10 80¾	25 Panama R.	s30 134¾
300 do	80¾	320 do	135¾
100 do	s30 80¾	50 do	s30 135¾
100 Harlem Railroad	9	100 Gal. & Chi. R.	b30 68

TUESDAY, Dec. 13—P. M.

The Stock Exchange closed firm this afternoon. The actual business of the day was not much larger than the limited list of sales on Monday, but prices appeared to strengthen from the start this morning, partly, no doubt, on the California remittance of $1,865,000, and partly from an improved demand for Pacific Mail and Panama shares, which assisted the whole market at the Second Board. The Pacific Company brought the California mails this trip, the Vanderbilt line having *no steamer ready at San Francisco. For this* they received $10,000, and, at the same time, were *enabled to make better paying terms for second* and third-class passengers in the absence of the opposition boat. The recent change of the mails by the Government to Mr. VANDERBILT creates much dissatisfaction in California, and the newspaper pressure at San Francisco against it, in connection with the irregularities which have already taken place, may possibly reverse the order of the Post-office Department even before the end of the present temporary contract. The better solution for all parties would be the early withdrawal or consolidation of the opposition. It is quite clear, so far as the passenger and express business with California is concerned, that the slow speed of the Vanderbilt boats, compared with the Pacific Mail line, is greatly against them. And the disadvantage is one not to be overcome by low fares. The advices from the Isthmus to the Panama Company renewed the demand for their shares, and 136 ⅌ cent. was paid this afternoon. Pacific shares advanced to 78 ⅌ cent.; New-York Central to 80⅞; Galena, 68; Rock Island, 64⅛, and Hudson River to 42½ ⅌ cent. cash, at the close. There was an advance also in Illinois Central to 59¾@60. The two Michigan Stocks and Toledo were steady, while Harlem and Erie were neglected. In State Stocks, Missouris were firmer and sold at 83½ ⅌ cent. Tennessees in larger supply and sold at 80¾. Erie Mortgages were lower on the Fourths and steady at 80 for the Thirds and 90 for the Seconds. The